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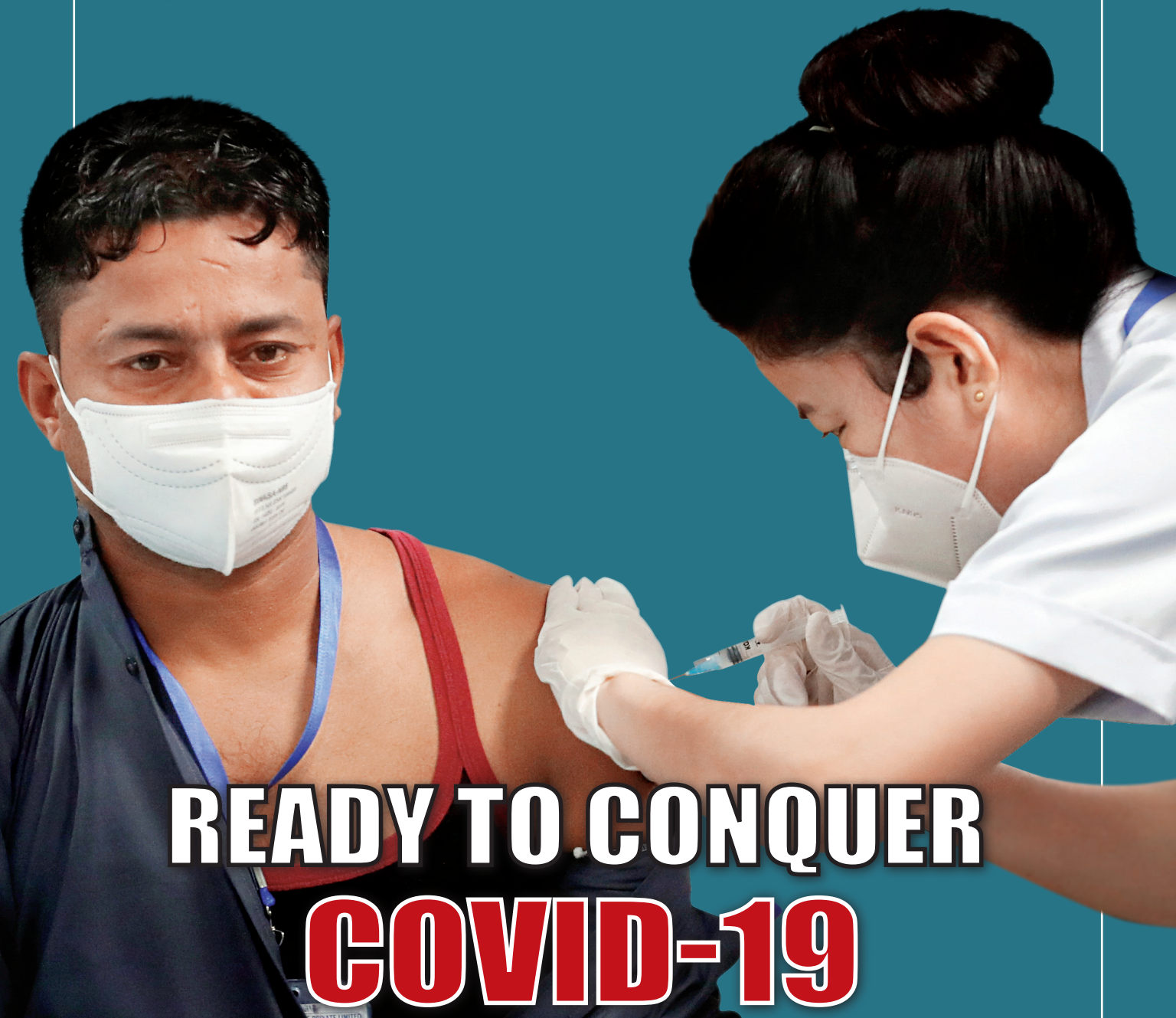
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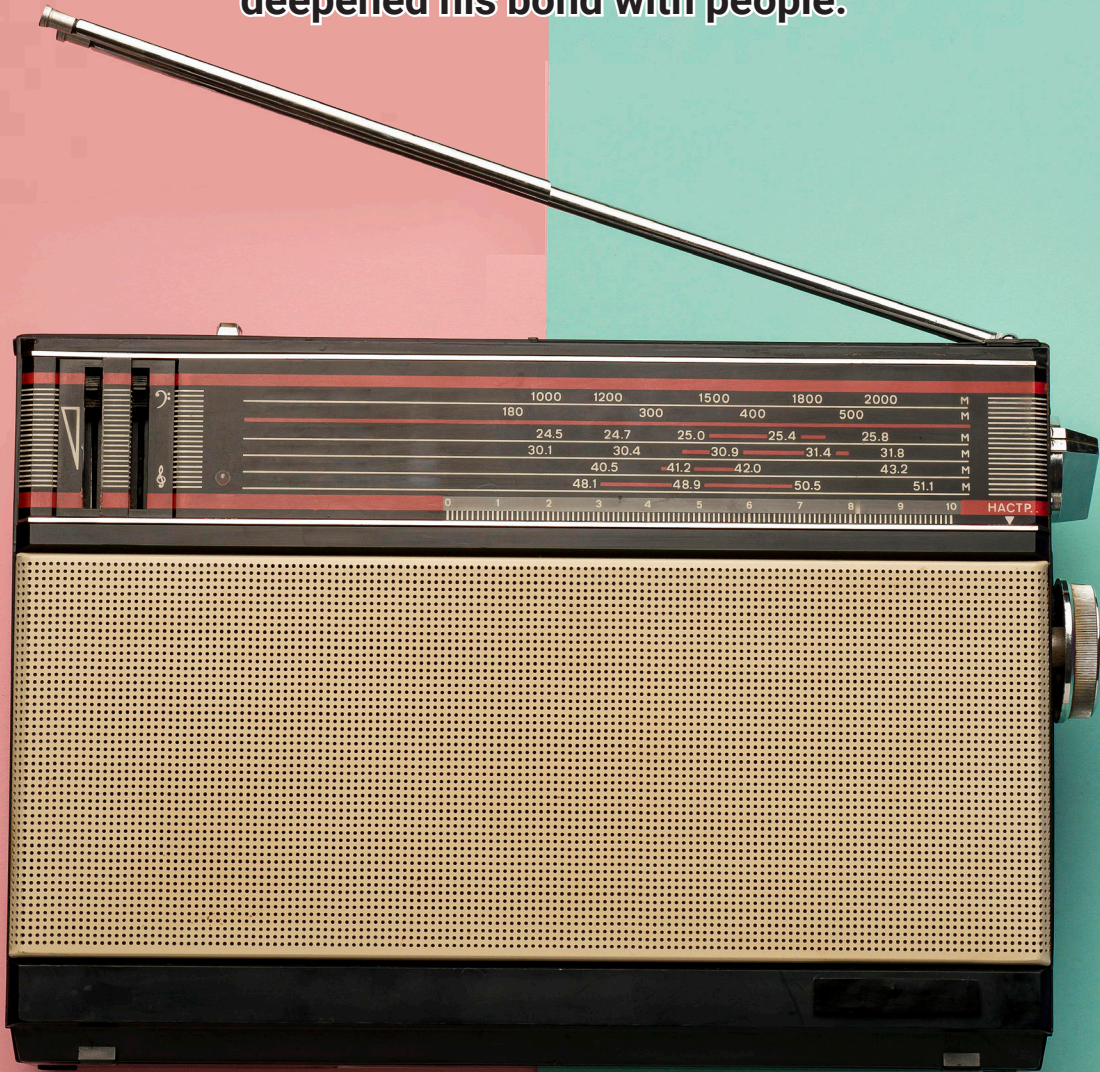
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**SELF-RELIANT INDIA'S INDELIBLE IDENTITY, THE INDIGENOUS VACCINE,
FIRST GIVEN TO AIIMS, DELHI'S FRONTLINE WORKER MANISH KUMAR**

World Radio Day

The world is celebrating World Radio Day on February 13 with this year's theme being Evolution, Innovation, Connection. Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that his "Mann Ki Baat", a radio programme, experience has been special to him as it has deepened his bond with people.



“ I salute the creativity and dedication of all those working with the world of the radio. Thank you for keeping us informed and entertained. ”

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi

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FROM EDITOR'S DESK

Sadar Namaskar,

India is on the verge of winning a decisive battle against COVID-19. January 2021 would be etched in the annals of history as a golden moment of turning a crisis into an opportunity. This is an unprecedented situation as vaccination on such a large scale has never been initiated by any government in the world. In the first phase, about three crore people, mostly frontline workers and those prone to infection are being vaccinated free of cost.

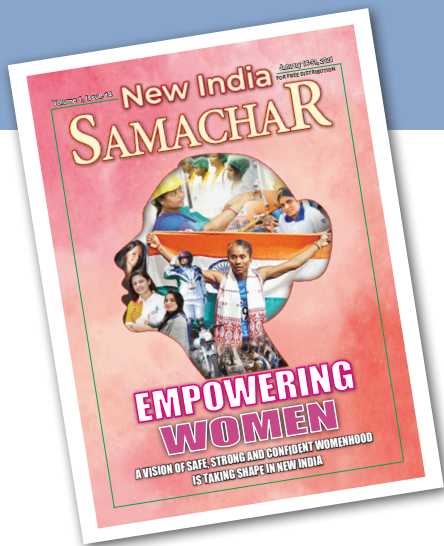
Everyone, from scientists to doctors and frontline healthcare providers, who were associated with the development and distribution of the vaccines, needs a huge applause for making this dream a reality in such a short span of time. Indian scientists have completed the development of indigenous vaccines in just 10 months. This proves India's commitment towards self-reliance and also takes it to newer heights amongst the comity of nations. Two indigenous vaccines are the success story of Team India. Their development and future plans have made to the cover story of New India Samachar for this issue.

India's message to the world is loud and clear that it is unstoppable. This issue remembers Swami Vivekananda as the country celebrated the National Youth Day, and Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan on his birth anniversary. Pravasi Bharatiya Divas and Light House Projects are also covered in this issue along with other regular features.

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Many thanks for your great services.
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Thanks for sharing New India Samachar
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we will be getting more information from
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This is a useful resource for the common people
to know about the Government's new missions,
policies and their implementation. Local language
provision is another plus. I applaud MoIB's efforts
in creating New India Samachar, a magazine that
matters. It carries worthy news without any noise.
Kudos!

Wishing you the very best,



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Editing of the magazine is very good. It provides all
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increasing knowledge about India's growth story...
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India to position itself as a global toy manufacturing hub

Despite being inventor of popular games like Chess, Ludo, Snakes & Ladders etc., India is not among leading developers and manufacturers of toys. Toycathon-2021 is an attempt to create an ecosystem for the domestic toy industry and local manufacturers to tap their untapped potential. It will allow students, teachers, toy experts, colleges, universities and Startups to share their ideas. The size of toy market in India is about \$1.5 Billion, around 80 per cent of the toys are imported.

The Toycathon aims to capture



innovative prowess of 33 Crore students across the country. The Government is promoting indigenous toy industry to make India self-reliant in the toy manufacturing and half a dozen ministries and department joined this campaign. Students and faculty members participating in Toycathon may win prizes up to Rs 50 Lakh.

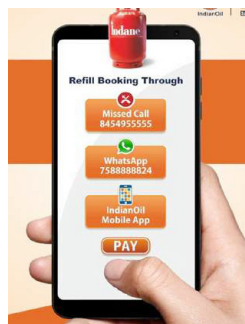


Ease of Living: Give a missed call, get your LPG refill booked

In a major step towards boosting 'ease of living', the Government has launched a missed call number to book LPG cylinders.

Indian Oil customers can give a missed call to 8454955555 for booking refill across India. In Odisha's Bhubaneswar, the number can be used for getting new connection as well. The service will soon be expanded to all over the country. The

missed call Interactive Voice Response System (IVRS) will facilitate quick booking; customers won't have to hold call for long time; and no call charges would be applicable.



PM CARES Fund gives Rs 201 Crore for Oxygen plants in public health facilities

PM CARES Fund Trust has allocated Rs 201.58 Crore for installation of 162 dedicated Pressure Swing Adsorption



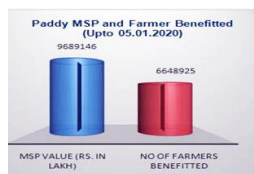
(PSA) Medical Oxygen Generation Plants inside public health facilities in India. The plants, with total capacity of 154.19 MT, will be installed in 32 States/UTs. The procurement will be done by the Central Medical Supply Store (CMSS) – an autonomous body of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. Adequate and uninterrupted supply of oxygen is an essential pre-requisite, specially during the Coronavirus pandemic.

Number of women police personnel increases by 16% in one year



There has been an increase of 16 per cent in the number of women police personnel in the States and Union Territories across India. Bihar is leading in terms of women in the police services. There are 25.3 per cent women in Bihar police, which includes civil police, district armed reserve, special armed police and India Reserve Battalions. Himachal Pradesh comes at second position where number of women police personnel is 19.15 per cent.

Paddy procurement on MSP jumps by 23.41% in FY 2020-21



Paddy procurement for Kharif 2020-21 has seen a jump of 23.41 per cent against the last financial year. Till January 20, 2021, over 575.36 LMTs of paddy have been procured, against the last year corresponding purchase of 466.22 LMT. Out of the total purchase of 575.36 LMT, Punjab alone has contributed 202.77 LMT which is 35.24 per cent of the total procurement. Since 2014, MSP 1.5 times of the production cost for crops has been ensured for farmers. MSP for paddy has been increased 2.4 times.

eSanjeevani becomes boon for common man



As safe distancing became a norm due to COVID-19, eSanjeevani telemedicine service of the Health Ministry has proven to be a boon. It has crossed 1 Million tele-consultations so far. With 3.74

Lakh tele-consultations, Tamil Nadu reported most cases. Meanwhile, Ayushman Bharat Health and Wellness Centres conducted 5.79 Crore diabetes and 7.13 Crore blood pressure tests in 2020.

India set to overtake UK to become fifth largest economy by 2025

India will overtake UK to become the fifth-largest economy by 2025 and will reach the third spot by 2030, a UK-based think tank predicted. India overtook UK in 2019 to become the fifth-largest economy before the Indian economy was impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. UK's Centre for Economics and Business Research, in its annual report, forecasts that India will overtake UK by 2025, Germany by 2027 and Japan by 2030. It also says Indian economy would expand by 9 per cent in 2021.



DIGITAL CALENDAR, DIARY LAUNCHED

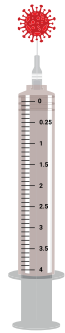
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Sarve Bhavantu Sukhinah, Sarve Santu Nirāmayāh

A DREAM COMING TRUE



India has used science, research and technology as primary weapons in its fight against Coronavirus. This battle has finally reached a decisive stage with the development of the vaccines. The Drug Controller General of India (DCGI) gave its approval to the vaccines of Serum Institute of India and Bharat Biotech. India has also kick started the world's largest immunisation exercise from January 16. All this has paved the way for a COVID-19-free India. Also, the indigenous vaccines developed in just 10 months shows India's dedication for being self-reliant

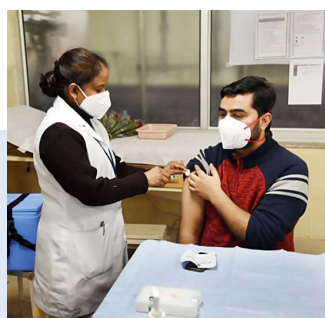


**SCAN QR CODE
FOR PM Modi's
Speech: Launch
of India's
COVID-19
Vaccination
Drive**

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ords fall short for describing such a historic success. The achievement becomes even more significant as for the last 10 months, people from all age groups were restricted in their movement. The launch of the vaccine is a dream come true for the country. India developed two indigenous vaccines, turning crisis into an opportunity.

Taking steps to protect lives and then giving a push to the economic activity, Government has taken well planned initiatives. Now India is standing at a decisive point in this journey. It is not just serving its own people but other countries in the world too, to protect lives.



Dry run to assess operational feasibility

To ensure a smooth vaccination drive, India conducted dry run in all States and Union Territories. In 736 districts dry run was conducted in 3 phases

- In each district, dry run was conducted at least at three locations. They included public health facilities, private hospitals and rural or urban outreaching centres
- Under the supervision of District Collectors the dry run was conducted at State, district and block level hospitals so that the authorities are aware about their roles and responsibilities
- Dry runs were also conducted to assess operational feasibility in the use of Co-WIN application in the field environment

How the system geared up for vaccination with training:

India started the world's largest vaccination drive from January 16. For this, the Government held at least 26 virtual meetings with the States

2,360

Master Trainers were trained

61,000

Programme managers

02

Lakh vaccinators

3.7

Lakh helping teams for vaccination

Each helping team includes one vaccinator and four helpers

January 16, 2021, would be etched as a watershed moment in history, when India launched the world's largest vaccination drive against the deadly virus COVID-19. The campaign was launched by the Prime Minister in over 3,000 vaccination centres across all the States. The Government has moved ahead with full preparedness. For this, the Government has purchased 110 Lakh doses of Covishield from Serum Institute of India, Pune, at Rs 200 per dose. 55 Lakh doses of Covaxin have been purchased from Bharat Biotech. Out of these,

38.5 Lakh doses are being purchased at Rs 295 per dose, and the remaining 16.5 Lakh doses are being provided free of cost. So the average price of the second vaccine will come to be Rs 206 to the Government.

INDIA BECOMES HOPE FOR THE WORLD

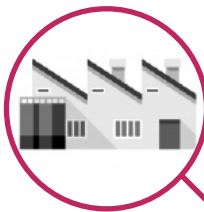
Around 60 per cent of the world's vaccines are made in India. The country has the experience of giving 65 Crore vaccines to children and pregnant women every year. India is leading among the countries producing vaccines. The world has



Strong web of cold chain and proper infrastructure

STEP 1

Vaccine producers: 2
Serum Institute of India
with Covishield and
Bharat Biotech with
Covaxin



STEP 3

All States have at least
one regional vaccine
store. There are 60 big
storages in the country for
second tire



Big States Ready Store

• Uttar Pradesh	9	• Jammu-Kashmir	2
• Madhya Pradesh	4	• Karnataka	2
• Gujarat	4	• Rajasthan	2

STEP 2

Big storages- 4
• Karnal • Kolkata
• Chennai • Mumbai



STEP 4

Cold Chain centres: There are
about **29,000** cold chain
centres from where the vaccines
will be sent to the vaccination
centres



“ These vaccines have been developed keeping in view India's conditions and circumstances. The experience of vaccination in India and the systems that are in place to reach the far-flung areas is going to be very useful in the Corona vaccination programme. We reiterate our gratitude to doctors, medical staff, scientists, police personnel, sanitation workers and all Corona warriors for the outstanding work done, that too in adverse circumstances. We will remain eternally grateful to them for saving many lives. ”

– Prime Minister Narendra Modi

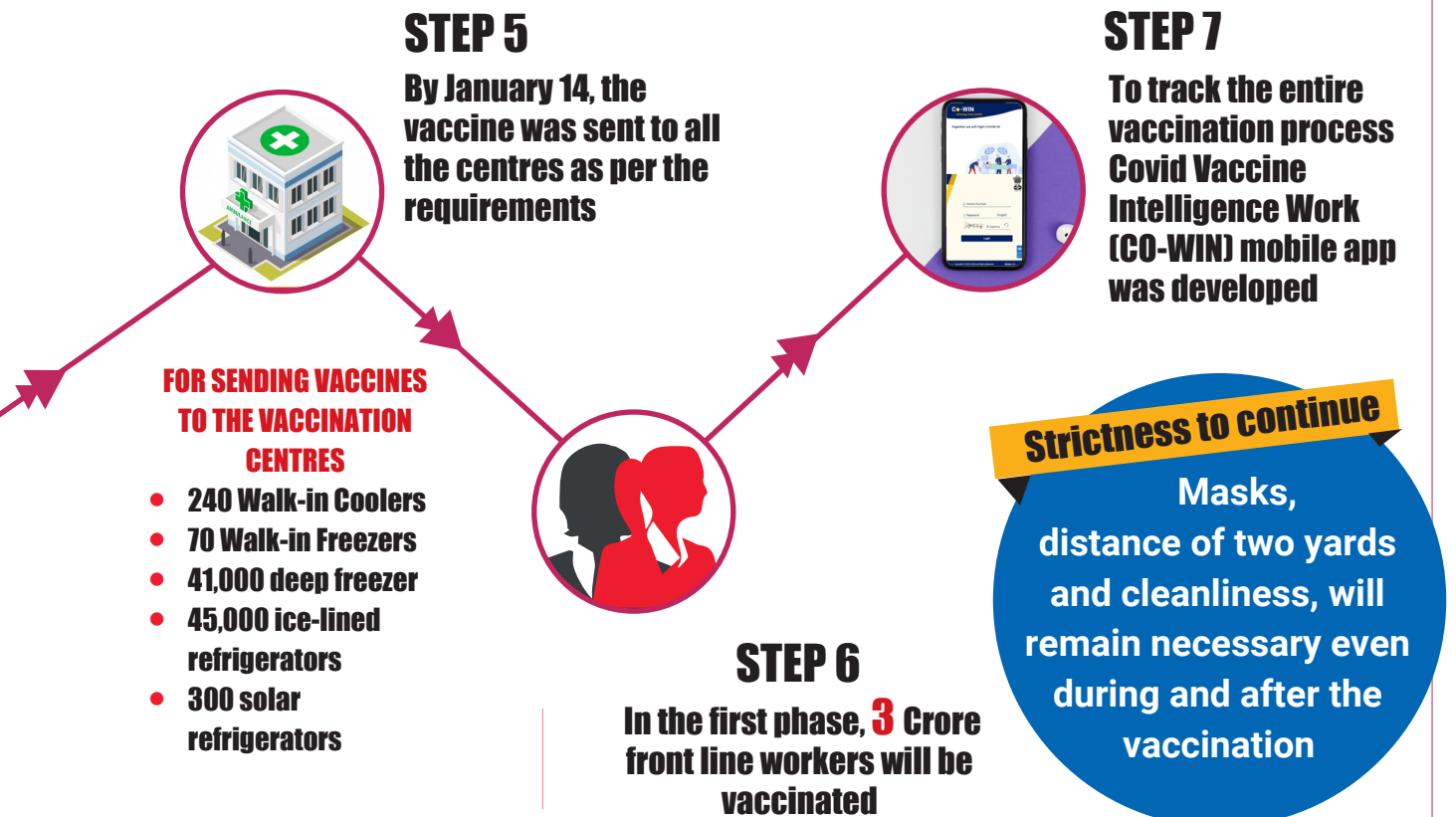
recognised India's knowledge and scientific skills. If you look at the figures of Edelman PR's Trust Barometer Survey carried out in 28 countries, more than 80 per cent of Indians have confidence in the indigenous vaccines, which is the highest in the world. Whereas, only 66 per cent people in Britain, 62 per cent in Germany, 59 per cent in the US and 40 per cent people in Russia trust the vaccines developed in their

countries, respectively. The reason for this trust in India is the capability of its scientists.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY BECOME BASIS

The world comes to a halt without science and innovation. The same thought process of the country's top leadership became the basis in the fight against Corona. Be it building infrastructure to fight Corona from scratch, or to

will ensure vaccine reaches commoners



provide welfare packages for the poor and other financial assistance to address sufferings of the common people during lockdown, or to show the ability to develop a vaccine, Government made science and technology its biggest basis.

Even before the vaccine got approval, this group had put in place the groundwork for storage, cold chain, procurement process, ensuring the impact of the vaccine and deciding how the vaccine will be made available to the people. In late July, the Prime Minister had suggested providing vaccine on a priority basis. Assistance was also provided for vaccine under the PM CARES Fund and the Self-Reliant India Package.

FRAMEWORK READY BEFORE VACCINE

Running the world's largest vaccination drive is a challenging move. But it is the result of preparedness at every level that adequate cold chain infrastructure is in place to ensure the last

- Till January 18, over 3,81,305 people have been vaccinated in the country under the vaccination programme which commenced from January 16
- As of January 18, total recovered cases have leaped over the active caseload by more than 1 Crore. While the mortality rate is only 1.44%

mile delivery. The Government took a report on the cold chain situation by sending standard guidelines to all States and then assessed the strength of the cold chain which is powered by electricity and without electricity. The strength of cold chains operating without electricity was



VITAL QUESTIONS ABOUT COVID-19 VACCINE



Will COVID-19 vaccine be given to everyone simultaneously?

Based on the potential availability of vaccines, the Government has selected the priority groups who will be vaccinated for being at the higher risk. The first group includes healthcare and frontline workers. The second group to receive COVID-19 vaccine will be persons over 50 years of age and persons under 50 years with co-morbidity.



Is it mandatory to take the vaccine?

Vaccination for COVID-19 is voluntary. However, it is advisable to receive the complete schedule of vaccine for protecting one-self and also to limit the spread of this disease.



Is it necessary for a COVID-19 recovered person to take the vaccine?

Yes, this will help in developing a strong immune response against the disease.



Can anyone having COVID-19 (confirmed or suspected) infection be vaccinated?

Person with confirmed or suspected COVID-19 infection may increase the risk of spreading the same to others at vaccination sites. So, infected individuals should defer



Will vaccine be safe as it is being tested and introduced in a short span of time?

Vaccines are being introduced in the country only after the regulatory bodies cleared them based on their safety and efficacy.

vaccination for 14 days after the resolution of symptoms.



With multiple vaccines available, how is one or more vaccines chosen for administration?

Safety and efficacy data from clinical trials of vaccine candidates are examined by the Drug Regulator of India before granting license for the same. Hence, all COVID-19 vaccines that receive license will have comparable safety and efficacy. However, it must be ensured that the entire schedule of vaccination is completed by only one type of vaccine as different COVID-19 vaccines are not interchangeable.



Will a Photo ID be required at the time of registration?

Photo ID produced at the time of registration must be produced at the time of vaccination.

first assessed. The country already had 4 large stores and 35 stores from second category. But the Government made sure that every State would compulsorily have a large vaccine store. For this, the Government upgraded the 35 stores in second category along the lines of the first category stores and altogether 60 such stores were created. Apart from this, it also

India continues to take decisive action and demonstrate its resolve to end COVID19 pandemic. As the world's largest vaccine producer it's well placed to do so. If we Act together we can ensure effective and safe vaccines are used to protect the most vulnerable everywhere.

—Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General of World Health Organisation





Will the vaccine introduced in India be as effective as the ones introduced in other countries?

Yes. The COVID-19 vaccine introduced in India will be as effective as any other vaccine developed by other countries. Various phases of vaccine trials are undertaken to ensure its safety and efficacy.



How will I know if I am eligible for vaccination?

The eligible beneficiaries will be informed through their registered mobile number regarding the health facility where the vaccination will be provided and the scheduled time for the same. This will be done to avoid any inconvenience in registration and vaccination of beneficiaries.



If a person is not able to produce Photo ID at the session site, will s/he be vaccinated?

Photo ID is a must for both registration and verification of beneficiary at session site.



Can a person get vaccine without registration with Health Department?

No. Registration of beneficiary is mandatory for vaccination. Only after registration, the information on the session site to visit and time will be shared with the beneficiary.



What documents are required for registration of eligible beneficiary?

A person can produce any of these ID with Photo at the time of registration: Aadhar Card; Driving License; Health Insurance Smart Card issued under the scheme of Ministry of Labour; Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) Job Card; Official identity cards issued to MPs/MLAs/MLCs; PAN Card; Passbooks issued by Bank/Post Office; Passport; Pension Document; Service Identity Card with photograph issued to employees by Central/State Govt./PSUs/Public Limited Companies; Voter ID; Smart card issued by RGI under NPR.



How will the beneficiary receive information about due date of vaccination?

Following online registration, beneficiary will receive SMS on their registered mobile number on the due date, place and time of vaccination.



If one is taking medicines for illnesses like Cancer, Diabetes, Hypertension etc, can s/he take the COVID-19 vaccine?

Yes. Persons with one or more co-morbid conditions too need to get COVID-19 vaccination.



When would antibodies develop?

Protective levels of antibodies are generally developed two weeks after receiving the second dose of COVID-19 vaccine.



Are there any preventive measures and precautions that one needs to follow at the session site?

People are advised to rest at the vaccination centre for at least half an hour after taking the COVID-19 vaccine. They can inform the nearest health authorities in case they feel any discomfort or uneasiness subsequently.



Our country is fully prepared for vaccination. If I say that this is the beginning of the end of COVID-19, it would not be an exaggeration. But we appeal to the people to keep on following the COVID guidelines.

Dr Harsh Vardhan,
Union Health Minister



ensured availability of walk in coolers, deep freezers, ice-lined refrigerators etc. as per requirement for sending to the vaccination centre. By January 14, 2021, the vaccine was delivered to the designated centres.

OUR SAFETY, COUNTRY'S SAFETY

Vaccine will provide immunity against Coronavirus and reduce the risk of infection.

Indigenous vaccine will be economical and effective

Producer	Price	Temperature
Covishield (India)	200	2-8 Degree
Covaxin (India)	206	2-8 Degree
Pfizer (being used in many countries)	1431	-70 Degree
Moderna	2700	2-8 Degree
Sinopharm (China)	5650	2-8 Degree
Cyanowek Biotech (China)	1027	2-8 Degree
Novavax	1114	2-8 Degree
Sputnik-V (Russia's Gamalia Center)	734*	2-8 Degree
Johnson & Johnson	734	2-8 Degree

Price- In Rs, * When it will be produced in India, then the price here is different.

INDIA LEADING THE WORLD IN FIGHT AGAINST CORONAVIRUS: TAKING RIGHT STEPS

- When the Prime Minister announced lockdown on March 24, 2020, India was having about 500 Coronavirus cases
- When the lockdown was announced, the infection count was doubling in just three days and the cases were increasing at a speed of 19.6 per cent
- It would have been of no use had there been any delay in implementing the lockdown. That was the tipping point when the wave of infection could have affected a large section of the population
- That was a challenging phase for the Government. It was also a crucial time to build infrastructure to fight the pandemic
- The lockdown period was used to develop the health infrastructure for fighting Coronavirus pandemic. For COVID-19 treatment, 15,362 health facilities, about 15.40 Lakh isolation beds, 2.70 Lakh Oxygen support beds and 78,000 ICU beds were prepared
- 32,400 ventilators were delivered to Government hospitals. These hospitals had only 12,000 ventilators
- The State Governments were given 3.70 Crore N-95 masks and 1.60 Crore PPE kits

In comparison to other vaccines, India's vaccine is effective and economical. Head of the Expert Group, Dr V.K. Paul said, "This is a very safe vaccine with almost no side effects. There is no possibility of any risk; there may be a little fatigue or pain after getting vaccinated. But we have to make sure that we accept the vaccine, and save ourselves and the country."

India has launched its last strike on Corona, using the 5 key principles of the Prime Minister—ensuring people's participation, use of booth level work in elections and experiences of public immunisation programme, existing health services are not affected, adherence to scientific and regulatory norms and running an IT-based campaign. ■

INDIA WORKING ON FOUR MORE VACCINES

● Zydus Cadilla:

The Ahmedabad-based company has concluded its Phase 2 trials in December 2020. Now, its Phase 3 trials are underway

● Sputnik V:

The DCGI has approved the Phase 3 clinical trials of Sputnik V vaccine, made by Russia's Gamaleya Research Institute of Epidemiology and Microbiology.

Hyderabad-based Dr. Reddy's Laboratories are conducting the trials in India

● Biological E:

Based in Hyderabad, it is developing a protein-based vaccine. The BE vaccine is being developed in collaboration with the Baylor College of Medicine, US, and is under Phase 1 trial. Its Phase 2 is likely to start from March 2021

● Genovax:

Pune-based Genovax Biopharmaceuticals has also entered the human trial stage. It is an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine. Phase 1 trial is underway while the second phase trial can be done by May 2021

“ It takes eight to ten years to make the vaccine in a simple way, but India was in the lead role to invent it ”

The biggest vaccination drive has begun in world's largest democracy – India. After making of the vaccine, prioritising vaccination and protocol, the process of vaccination is being managed like a poll booth during the time of elections. Consulting Editor of New India Samachar Santosh Kumar spoke to Chairman of the National Expert Group on Vaccine Administration of COVID-19 and NITI Aayog Member (Health) Dr V K Paul on the journey of vaccine. Here are some excerpts:

Q What was the Government's initial thought process about dealing with such a huge pandemic and making the vaccine?

A India's response has been linked to science and technology during this pandemic. In the month of April itself, a task force was constituted and empowered to find scientific and technical solutions for the vaccine and create suitable facilities for it. Scientists from national laboratories and people involved in the vaccine industry were encouraged together. When prospects looked bright for the vaccine, the Government also provided resources and funds for the same. From the very beginning, the goal was to invent and produce vaccines in the country itself. We have succeeded and four more vaccines are in the trial phase. New vaccines will also come in the future and production of the ready vaccines will increase.

Q How challenging was the journey to make indigenous vaccine?

A It was challenging but we didn't have any doubts about capabilities of our scientists. The result is in front of everyone.

Q How was such a big infrastructure, especially the cold chain for the vaccine, created?

A See, India has a long experience of vaccinating pregnant women and children. Every year over 65 Crore vaccines are given in more than 90 Lakh sessions. To a large extent, cold chain facility was there which was increased as per



“ Both our vaccines are completely safe. A lot of data is available. We have experience of testing on thousands of people. It is very robust. Through authorisation we have got a chance to take it forward. We will understand more once the results come in for the vaccine clinical trials that are currently underway. With the completion of our trial, we will move forward with more understanding.”

Q & A

On selection of the primary group for the vaccine, or as an expert, would you like to add something else?

I have to say that vaccination drive is starting off from health workers because they are more prone to infection. They have risked their lives to save others. We need a safe and motivated health team. After this it is the turn of frontline workers. Then people over the age of 50 will be vaccinated. IT is being used for this and planning is being done at the booth level like in elections, like how people go to booth to cast their votes, similarly vaccination will also take place. Follow-up will be done after vaccination and people will be reminded about other procedures.



the present requirements. Personnel involved in vaccination programme were given training. With the help of IT platform, infrastructure and cold chain management planning was done at micro level. The same technique will be used to identify beneficiaries, deciding upon the place and time of the vaccine and maintaining the trust of the people.

Q What else was done to increase the number of cold chain facilities?

A If you talk about expansion of cold chain, we had 4 large and around 35 second category medical depots, a total of 39. Now, the second category depots have also been made like the first ones, and with some new arrangements the number of such cold stores has increased to 60. It means that the number of the first category ones has increased to 60. Thereafter, there will be more than 29,000 cold chain points which will be used during vaccination.

Q It is a massive challenge to ensure that everyone gets vaccinated. How will the Government deal with it?

A Such a huge vaccination drive is a big challenge in itself. Around 30 Crore people will be vaccinated in the first phase of vaccination. But there will be a need to vaccinate even more people. Vaccine availability is still low.

Q What is the probability of the next phase being started?

A It will take around seven to eight months to meet the target of 30 Crore. With the increased availability of vaccine, the vaccination drive may also go at a faster pace later on.

Q The Central Government set a great example of federal structure by taking States along, were there any differences or lack in coordination?

A There were no differences. In the methodology of dealing with Corona, there has been no dearth of consensus. Every time general opinion was to go ahead with the vaccine. All this has been done under the leadership of the Prime Minister. Representatives and Chief Ministers and Union Territories have worked like Team India and will do so even in future.

Q What will be the total expenditure on vaccine?

A It may not be fair to talk about expenditure right now. Presently, small number of vaccines has been purchased; we will buy more in future. Expenses are incurred not only for the vaccine. Spending also happens for vaccine publicity and awareness campaigns and syringes etc. When the work is huge, there are other expenses as well. But there's no two ways about it that there will be no cutback in resources.

Q India's efforts in its fight against Corona and formulation of the vaccine have been lauded by WHO and other countries. How do you look at it as an expert?

A I am immensely satisfied with India's achievement in the fight against Corona. In the early stages itself, isolation wards and beds were prepared for Corona patients. We didn't make PPE kits and ventilators before, but now we are exporting them. Starting from zero, we have now reached the capacity to test more than 15 Lakh people every day. Lockdown helped to reduce rate of infection and to halt the mortality rate up to 1.4 per cent. ■

Owning a house gives any individual a sense of dignity, confidence, safety and identity. In an effort to ensure affordable housing for all by 2022, Government recently launched Light House Projects, for lower and middle-income groups using global technologies

The LHPs will pave the way for a new ecosystem where globally proven technologies will be adopted for cost-effective, environment friendly and speedier



Global Housing Technology Challenge-India (GHTC-I) and NAVARITIH:

Initiated by Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, the GHTC-I aims to identify and mainstream a basket of innovative construction technologies from across the globe for the housing sector that are sustainable, eco-friendly and disaster-resilient. The GHTC-I intends to get the best globally available innovative construction technologies through a challenge-based process. It aims to demonstrate and deliver ready to live-in houses in minimum time and minimum cost with high-quality of construction in a sustainable manner. This challenge seeks to promote future potential technologies through incubation support and accelerator workshops to foster an environment of research and development in the country. In GHTC-India 2019, 54 technologies were shortlisted. Construction under LHPs using six distinct technologies is underway in India.







NAVARITIH (New, Affordable, Validated, Research Innovation Technologies for Indian Housing) – a certification course on innovative construction technologies has also been introduced in 2019. It not just familiarises professionals with the latest materials and technologies being used worldwide for housing but also provides awareness about state-of-the-art materials and technologies in terms of properties, specifications, performance, design and construction methodologies so that professionals can successfully employ these in their practice.



We have many things which continue to run without any procedural changes. The housing issue has also been exactly the same. We resolved to change it. Why should our country not get better technology? Why should our poor not get long-lasting good houses? Why can't the houses be built quickly? It is important for Government ministries not to have bloated and sluggish structures, but should be agile and fit like Startups.

Prime Minister
Narendra Modi

SIX LOCATIONS, SIX TECHNOLOGIES

 <p>In Indore, LHP will showcase China's 'Pre-fabricated Sandwich Panel System'</p>	 <p>In Rajkot, LHP will be constructed with France-originated 'Monolithic Concrete Construction System'</p>	 <p>Chennai will use 'Precast Concrete Construction System', that has come from Finland and the US</p>
 <p>In Ranchi, LHP will be constructed by using '3D Volumetric Precast Concrete Construction System' that originated from Germany</p>	 <p>In Agartala, 'Structural Steel Frame with Light Gauge Steel Infill Panels' system from New Zealand will be used</p>	 <p>In Lucknow, technology from Canada – 'PVC Stay In Place Formwork System' – will be used</p>

construction. These projects will deliver ready-to-move-in houses within 12 months. The minimum size of the houses constructed under LHP are in accordance with the prevailing guidelines of the PMAY(U). The project, comprising about

1,000 houses, includes on site infrastructure development such as internal roads, pathways, common green area, boundary wall, water supply, sewerage, drainage, rain water harvesting, solar lighting, external electrification etc. ■

GLIMPSE OF REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATIONS





Prime Minister Narendra Modi paying homage to the martyrs at National War Memorial



President Ram Nath Kovind and Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the 72nd Republic Day Celebrations



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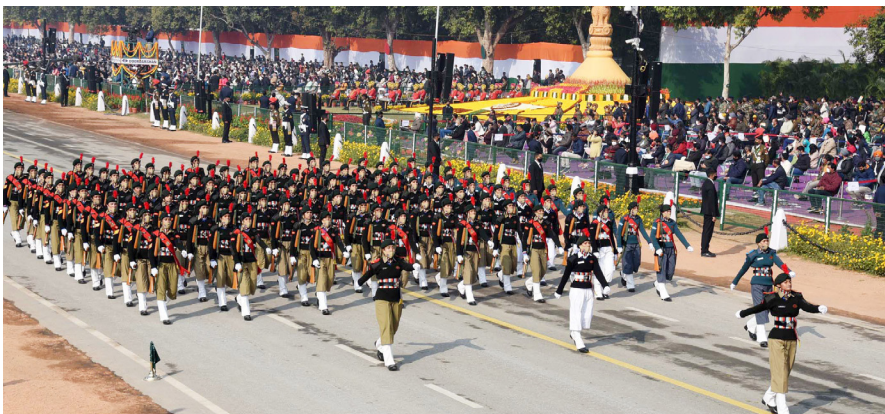
Rafale fighter jet (centre) participating for the first time in the Republic Day Celebrations



Border Security Force (BSF) Camel Contingent



A bird's eye view of the celebrations



National Cadet Corps (NCC) Girls Marching Contingent



Flight Lieutenant Bhawana Kanth became the first woman fighter pilot to take part in Republic Day Celebrations



National Security Guard (NSG) Marching Contingent



Tableau of Ministry of Information & Broadcasting



School children performing at Rajpath



Tableau of Uttar Pradesh



Tableau of Department of Biotechnology



Tableau of Ministry of Culture



Tableau of CRPF



First ever tableau of Union Territory of Ladakh at the Republic Day Celebrations

1 Nation Agreement Service



Moving towards building an integrated India

Whether it is the normal life of the common people or the means that facilitate their lives, with ambitious and visionary thinking, the Government is working towards tying India together. Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the Kochi-Mangaluru Natural Gas Pipeline aimed towards the creation of 'One Nation, One Gas Grid'. Similarly, in December 2020, One Nation, One Mobility Card (NMC) service was launched with the inauguration of country's first driverless train operating on Delhi Metro's Magenta line, and Ayushman Bharat PM-JAY SEHAT scheme was launched to provide coverage to all residents of Jammu & Kashmir...

After One Nation, One Ration Card, One Nation, One Examination, One Nation, One Tax, the Government has now introduced One Nation, One Gas Grid and One Nation, One Mobility Card (NMC) service. On January 5, 2021, Prime Minister Narendra Modi dedicated the 450-km-long Kochi-Mangaluru Natural Gas Pipeline to the nation. The project is part of Prime Minister's One Nation, One Gas Grid scheme. It was announced by Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in last year's Union Budget. Through this, the Government wants to impose uniform tariff on gas across the country. Speaking at the inauguration of the project, the Prime Minister, while presenting his Government's blueprint for the energy sector, said that the share of clean natural gas in energy consumption will be more than doubled and the entire country will be connected with a gas pipeline grid to provide affordable fuel to the people and industries.



Key points of Prime Minister's speech

- The Government is doing unprecedented work on highways, railways, Metro, aviation, water, digital and gas connectivity to promote economic growth. The pipeline has been prepared at a cost of Rs 3,000 Crore
- The network of natural gas pipelines is being doubled to about 32,000 kms in 5-6 years. Also, work is going on in Gujarat to build the world's largest hybrid renewable energy plant by merging solar and wind energy
- In the last six years, the number of CNG stations has increased from 900 to 1,500. Now, the target is to increase this number to 10,000. Till 2014, 25 Lakh households had piped natural gas (PNG), but now over 72 Lakh households have PNG connections
- Pipeline will help in installation of 700 CNG stations in Kerala and Karnataka and help more than 21 Lakh households to access PNG

We are working on providing clean, affordable and sustainable energy... There were 14 Crore LPG connections in the country till 2014 and the same number of new connections has been provided in the last six years. More than 8 Crore poor families in the country are availing the cooking gas due to the scheme like Ujjwala Yojana and it has also strengthened the LPG infrastructure across the country

-Prime Minister Narendra Modi



1 Nation Gas Grid

- The main objective of the scheme is to provide cooking gas to every household in the country. It is also aimed at providing CNG gas for vehicles. Under the scheme, all areas will be benefitted where domestic gas is not available
- The pipeline would become the base of Gas Distribution System and would form the base of CNG-based transport system as well. One Nation, One Gas Grid would provide clean energy which will help in improving people's health and reducing their health related expenditure. With cleaner air, the city will attract more tourists
- One Nation, One Gas Grid will supply energy to fertilizer plants and help in making manure at low cost helping farmers. Every industry, be it fertilizer, petrochemical or power industry will benefit from it and will create employment opportunities

Realising the Dream of

1 Nation Mobility Card

- On December 28, 2020, the Prime Minister inaugurated India's first driverless Metro train on Delhi's Magenta Line. India joined the club of selected nations having this achievement. The Prime Minister also launched the One Nation, One Mobility Card for all modes of transport in the country

The Prime Minister said:
"Urbanisation should not be seen as a challenge but used as an opportunity to build better infrastructure in the country and enhance Ease of Living!"

Key points of PM's speech

- It is the important responsibility of governance to prepare the country for future requirements
- In 2014, only 5 cities had Metro rail. Now, Metro is available in 18 cities. By 2025, we are going to expand it to over 25 cities
- In 2014, 248 km of Metro lines were operational. Now, it is over 700 km. By 2025, we are trying to expand it to 1,700 km
- Work is underway on rapid rail between Delhi and Meerut

Moving towards One Nation, One Service



- One Nation, One Ration Card: Citizens relocating from one place to another now have the freedom of nation-wide portability of ration cards. With the new agricultural reforms and facilities like e-NAM, the country is moving in the direction of 'One Nation, One Agriculture Market'
- Through 'One Nation, One Gas Grid' seamless gas supply is being ensured to those parts of the country where it was only a dream. With Ayushman Bharat, millions of people are taking the benefit of 'One Nation, One Health Insurance Scheme' from anywhere in the country
- 'One Nation, One Fastag' has made travel seamless on highways across the country. 'One Nation, One Tax' i.e. GST has ended the web of taxes and brought uniformity in the indirect tax system. Similarly, 'One Nation, One Power Grid' is ensuring adequate and continuous power supply in every part of the country
- 'One Nation, One Exam' has given relief to those who were giving different exams for different Government jobs

21 Lakh families in J&K get up to Rs 5 Lakh free treatment



- Ayushman Bharat PM JAY SEHAT was launched in Jammu & Kashmir on the lines of Ayushman Bharat PM JAY, which provides health cover of up to Rs 5 Lakh to 50 Crore people in India
- All 21 Lakh families will get the same benefit after the SEHAT scheme which was currently provided to 6 Lakh families
- Getting free treatment of up to Rs 5 Lakh under this scheme would improve the ease of living

"I congratulate the people of Jammu & Kashmir for strengthening democracy... Atal ji had been consistently guiding us to work on the principles of Insaniyat (Humanity), Jamhooriyat (Democracy) and Kashmiriyat (Identity of the people of Kashmir)... The development of the people of Jammu & Kashmir is one of the top priorities of our government."

-Prime Minister Narendra Modi



National Common Mobility Card

- National Common Mobility Card will provide integrated access to commuters wherever they travel, whichever public transport they take
- The Department of Financial Services made it mandatory for banks to make all new RuPay debit cards NCMC compliant
- Bharat Electronics Limited is engaged in the development of small and medium enterprises for making indigenous AFC gates
- Airport Express Line became the first Metro station to implement the use of NCMC
- Over 1.1 Crore RuPay debit card holders will be able to use cards on Airport Express line
- RuPay debit cards of 23 banks including SBI, Allahabad Bank, Canara Bank, UBI, UCO, IDBI, Bank of India, PNB issued in the last 18 months, will work as NCMC
- The NCMC facility will become available on the entire Delhi Metro network by 2022 ■

New India to be laced with **aspiration and zeal**

Assimilating the views of Swami Vivekananda, the Government is taking steps to create a New and Self-Reliant India with the support of youth of the country



“My faith is in younger generation, the modern generation, out of them will come my workers!” furthering these ideas of Swami Vivekananda, the Government is working towards building a New India where youth can freely grow according to their talents and dreams. A conducive environment and structure are being created for this. Whether it is the education system, social system or legal requirements, the Government is taking steps by making these matters a focal point in everything. Prime Minister Narendra Modi also believes that, “in New India, youth means excitement, enthusiasm and energy. I believe that with the skills and strengths of our energetic youth, our dream of New India will come true.”

Every year, the birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda on January 12 is celebrated as

National Youth Day, while the National Youth Festival is held every year between January 12 and 16. The idea of Youth Festival is the brainchild of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The objective of the National Youth Festival is to bring the youth of the country together to showcase their talents and also provide them an arena by creating a mini-India, where youth interact in formal and informal settings to exchange their social and cultural uniqueness. The theme of this year’s festival was “YOUTH-Zeal of New India” (“YUVAAH – Utsah Naye Bharat Ka”). Meaning the youth bring alive the celebration of New India. It also aims to promote national integration, spirit of communal harmony, brotherhood, courage and adventure. The basic aim is to propagate the spirit, essence and concept of “Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat”.

FULFILLING ASPIRATIONS OF THE YOUTH FOR A SELF-RELIANT INDIA

**16 Million users completed
3,605 courses on
SWAYAM Platform**

**2,101 course conducted
by 800 professors under
GIAN Scheme**

**10 Million items of 3 Million
authors in over 70 languages
available for free on
Digital Library**

- 2,612 proposals received under Imprint India-1 & 2 and implementation on 142 projects is underway
- More than one Crore youth imparted training every year under Skill India programme
- More than 22,500 training centres have been set up for more than 580 job roles across the country, and Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Kendras are being set up in every district
- Nearly 5,000 ITIs have been set up and in comparison to 2015, their capacity increased by 85.5% to 34.63 Lakh
- New initiatives and major achievements under strive: 244 ITIs signed performance based grant agreements
- New National Education Policy to promote critical thinking related to 21st century skills and achieve 100% Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) in school education by 2030
- 566 new Eklavya Model Residential Schools approved to promote educational infrastructure in tribal areas
- Construction of 54,000 ramps and 50,000 special toilets for divyang children
- Establishment of various universities, 7 IITs, 7 IIMs, 14 IIITs, 1 NIT, 103 Kendriya Vidyalayas and 62 Navodaya Vidyalayas started
- Under the Prime Minister Research Fellowship, scholarships of 70-80 Thousand per month for 5 years and an annual research grant of Rs 2 Lakh for Ph.D and research have been granted
- National Testing Agency to conduct examinations for all professionals in accordance with international standards
- Special focus on training for creating teachers of high excellence, and 20 institutes declared as Institutes of Eminence
- The Government approves Post Matric Scholarship of Rs 59,000 Crore for over 4 Crore Scheduled Caste students for the next 5 years
- Income limit of parents of OBC students for Pre-Matric Scholarship increased from Rs 44,500 to Rs 2.5 Lakh, and for Scheduled Caste students from Rs 2 Lakh to Rs 2.5 Lakh
- National Sports University in Manipur will be the first institute of its kind to promote sports teaching and training
- First training centre with world class facilities for para athletes is opened in Gandhinagar, Gujarat
- India won 66 medals with its impressive and historic performance at Commonwealth Games 2018 held in Australia
- Talented players will be given help of Rs 5 Lakh per annum for 8 years
- Launch of first Khelo India School Games in January 2018, which was attended by 3,507 sportspersons from 29 States and 7 Union Territories
- Khelo India programme revamped with an expenditure of Rs 1,756 Crore

SKILL MAPPING

The Government is mapping requirements for health workers in 15 countries to become global skill capital



BOOSTING EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

41,838

Startups have been recognised in the country and provided with tax relief benefits for 3 consecutive years in a 7-year block

Startups allowed to issue ESOPs to promoters working as employees

EMPOWERMENT IN EDUCATION SYSTEM

UGC provides graded autonomy to top **60** universities



**Prime Minister
Narendra Modi's inspiring
poem dedicated to youth of
the country on**

**National Youth
Day 2021**

**ये आसमां
कम है**



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PRIME MINISTER RECITING POEM**



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कि मेरी उड़ान कुछ कम है
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वह अधिक सक्षम होता है।



Research and innovation taking India towards success

As the world entered a new decade of the 21st Century, India has achieved a new landmark in research and innovation. Now, India has become self-reliant in calculating one billionth part of a second



In the last six years, India has carved a new identity for itself as it has worked towards developing a future-ready ecosystem for research and invention. Today, India is among the top 50 countries of the world in Global Innovation Ranking. Basic research is also being encouraged in the country and India is among the top 3 countries in the world in terms of number of peer-reviewed science and engineering publications. Collaboration between industry and institutions is being strengthened in India. Major companies of the world are setting up their research centres and facilities in India.

Speaking about the importance of research at the National Metrology Conclave 2021 on January 4, Prime Minister Narendra Modi gave a roadmap for taking the country ahead with science, technology and innovation. He said: "If you look at a country's journey from the past to the present, the country which has advanced the science and technology has progressed at a faster rate. Science leads to an invention, which in turn develops a technology. Technology creates an industry. The industry then invests in science for new research and this cycle moves in the direction of new possibilities."

The conclave was organised on the Platinum Jubilee Celebration of the National Physical Laboratory. During this the National Atomic Timescale was released. ■

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Benefits of National Atomic Timescale

- National Atomic Timescale will enable India to measure 1 Nano second or one billionth part of a second
- Indian Standard Time is now able to match the International Standard Time at an accuracy range of less than 3 Nano seconds. With this, all institutions including ISRO, working on cutting edge technology will be benefitted immensely
- Modern technology in various sectors like Banking, Railway, Defence, Health and Telecom will be benefitted from this

National Environmental Standards Laboratory

- Bharatiya Nirdeshak Dravya would help the industry to make quality products in sectors like heavy metals, pesticides, pharma and textiles by drafting a 'Certified Reference Material System'
- With these new standards, there is a campaign to bring global identity to local products
- Complying with the international standards will help the large foreign manufacturing companies coming to India to find a local supply chain



(Scan QR code for Prime Minister's full speech)



‘Vande Bharat Express’: Growth Gets a Rapid Pace

The country's first semi high speed train completes two years of its launch on February 15, 2021. After some initial hiccups the train is faring well now. Speed, scale and service are hallmarks of this train. The Government is working on launching 44 more Vande Bharat Express trains by 2022 to take growth and development of Railways to new heights



We are moving forward towards the modernisation of the Indian Railways at a rapid pace and I assure you that we will further boost this journey of development. Be it the land, water or air; be it the eastern, western, northern or the southern India; we will walk on the path of development with the mantra of ‘Sabka Sath Sabka Vikas’ and carry it forward



Prime Minister Narendra Modi

Indian Railways have set several milestones of development in the last six years. Whether it is cleanliness from station to compartments, or biodegradable toilets, or improvement in food and beverages, or modern ticket booking system, or Tejas Express, or Vande Bharat Express or the vista-dome coaches, Indian Railways are getting modernised rapidly and taking India forward at a faster pace.

Vande Bharat Express is also known as Train 18. In line with the Prime Minister Narendra Modi's ‘Make-in India’ vision, most parts of the train were designed and manufactured within the country. Thus, through Vande Bharat Express the ‘Make in India’ dream of a semi high speed Indian train

Vande Bharat: India's Fastest Train

New Delhi-Varanasi

Total Distance	Max. Speed	Time Taken
752 km	160 km/h	08hours

New Delhi-JammuTawi

Total Distance	Max Speed	Time Taken
577 km	160 km/h	08 hours

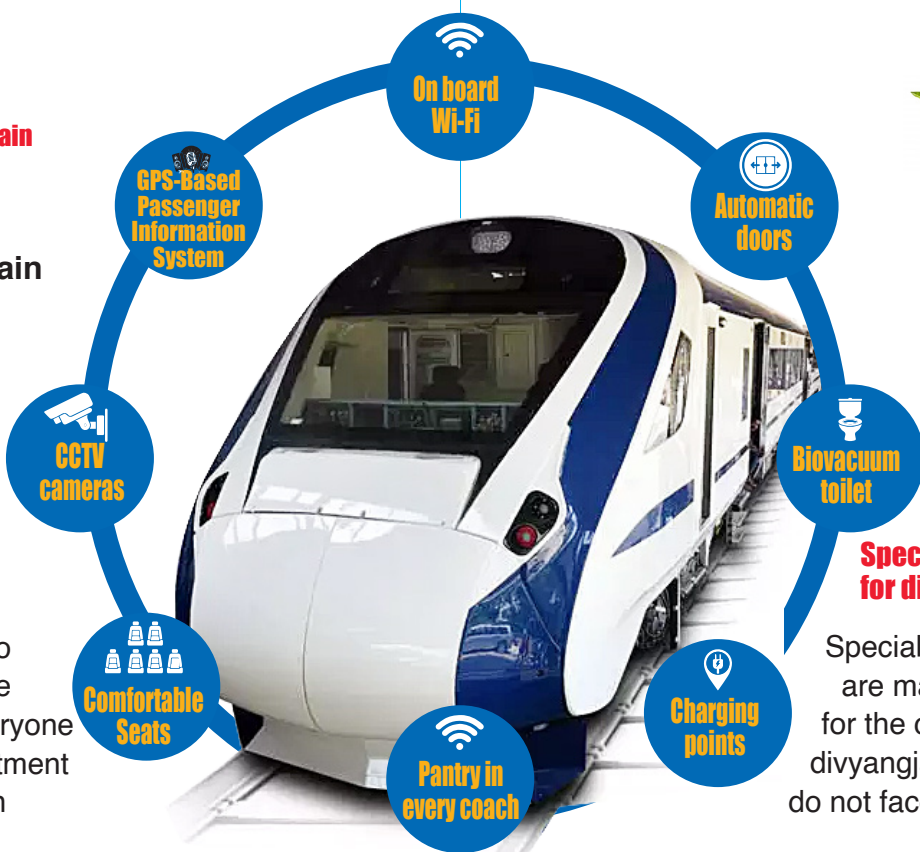


Self-propelled train

This is the first self-propelled train in India

Lighting system

Lighting is arranged in two ways. Separate lighting for everyone in one compartment and another on every seat



Speeding up Indian Railways

The Government aims to complete 508-km-long Mumbai-Ahmedabad Bullet Train project by 2023. After the completion of the bullet train project, travel time between Mumbai to Ahmedabad will be reduced to two hours. This train will run at a speed of about 300 kmph. India's rail network is huge and Lakhs of people use it every day. The Government is committed to increase the speed of trains in the country. Presently, there are some rail systems in the world like Japan's Shinkansen and France's TGV which operate at a speed of 300 kmph. As part of the National Rail Plan, Vision 2024 has been launched for accelerated implementation of certain critical projects by 2024.

They include:-

- Multitracking of congested routes
- Upgradation of speed to 160 kmph on Delhi-Howrah and Delhi-Mumbai routes
- Upgradation of speed to 130 kmph on all other Golden Quadrilateral-Golden Diagonal (GQ/GD) routes
- Elimination of level crossings on all GQ/GD routes
- Several new High Speed Rail Corridors have also been identified. Survey on Delhi-Varanasi High Speed Rail under way
- Reduce transit time by increasing average speed of freight trains from 22 kmph to 50 kmph



Self-Reliant India, Strong India

"In the last six years, the focus on rail network has increased the speed and scope of the Indian Railways. India is working for high speed trains from laying track to the best technology. Indian Railways is also becoming an example of Make in India and excellent engineering today. I am confident that this pace of Railways will continue to give a new height to India's progress."

Prime Minister Narendra Modi

- The Prime Minister inaugurated the New Bhaupur-New Khurja Section and the Operation Control Centre of Eastern Dedicated Freight Corridor on December 29, 2020
- Since the launch of the New Bhaupur-New Khurja section, average speed of the freight train has tripled. Speed of freight trains recorded above 90 kmph on this section
- India is now manufacturing modern trains and also exporting. Varanasi is becoming a major centre for Electric Locomotives. Rail coaches manufactured in Rae Bareilly are now exported abroad
- The Prime Minister dedicated the 306-km-long Rewari-Madar section of the Western Dedicated Freight Corridor (WDFC) to the nation on January 7, 2021. It will cover 133 railway stations in nine States
- First Double Stack Long Haul Container Train started between New Ateli in Haryana to New Kishanganj in Rajasthan. Container over container and that too one-and-a-half kilometres long goods train, is a big achievement. India has joined the select nations in the world with this potentiality
- Initially two dedicated freight corridors were planned. Eastern Dedicated Freight

Corridor from Ludhiana to Dankuni. This route has coal mines, thermal power plants and industrial cities. Feeder routes are also being made. Western Dedicated Freight Corridor from Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust to Dadri. In this corridor, ports like Mundra, Kandla, Pipavav, Dawri and Hazira would be served through feeder routes

- Industrial corridor of Delhi-Mumbai and Amritsar-Kolkata are being developed around both these freight corridors. Similarly North to South and East to West corridors are also being planned
- When goods trains arrive on time, the cost of Logistics Network would become cheaper. It would create a better atmosphere, Ease of Doing business would increase and India would become an attractive place to invest and many new opportunities for self-employment will also be created. Industry, businessmen, farmers or consumers, everyone is going to be benefitted from this dedicated freight corridor



Scan QR code to hear Prime Minister's address at the inauguration of Rewari-New Madar rail section



Scan QR code to listen to Prime Minister's address at the inauguration of New Bhaupur-New Khurja rail section

has come true. Manufacturing of train and its coaches was completed in Chennai Integrated Rail Coach Factory in just 18 months. This train has the potential to bring about a major change in the global rail business by providing passenger amenities and safety in line with international standards at a very low cost.

It is necessary to take some basic steps

to enhance the speed of the train. Of these, unmanned railway crossings are the key. In 2014, when the first Narendra Modi Government was formed, there were more than 8,300 unmanned railway crossings in the country. They led to frequent accidents. By removing the unmanned railway crossings on broad gauge lines, the number of accidents has also decreased. ■

Industrial Development to be promoted in J&K

With its mantra of Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, the Government has given a big push to the development of Jammu & Kashmir, which was neglected for several decades.

For the first time a promotion scheme for industrial development is being taken to the block level in J&K. The Government will be giving Rs 28,400 Crore in the next 15 years under the new scheme to open up doors for development

● **DECISION:** Proposal for Industrial Development of Jammu & Kashmir with a total outlay of Rs 28,400 Crore approved.

Rs 112 Crore have been disbursed so far under various schemes.

● **BENEFITS:** The Narendra Modi Government has opened doors of development for Jammu & Kashmir. The initiative taken by the Government will encourage manufacturing of various domestic products and provide various services which will reduce dependency of J&K on imports and expand capacity of exports. The new scheme has been made attractive for big and small MSME units.

For the industrial development of Jammu & Kashmir, the financial outlay of the proposed scheme is Rs 28,400 Crore for the scheme period 2020-21 to 2036-37. This is how implementation of the scheme will help the Union Territory:

- A fresh thrust is on job creation with emphasis on skill development and sustainable development by attracting new investment and nurturing existing industrial ecosystem
- The proposed scheme is likely to attract unprecedented investment and give direct and indirect employment to about 4.5 Lakh people. Industrialisation will help job creation in agriculture, horticulture, silk industry, fishery, animal husbandry and dairy industry



- Units with an investment of up to Rs 50 Crore will be eligible to avail this incentive. Maximum limit of incentive is Rs 5 Crore and Rs 7.5 Crore in Zone A & Zone B, respectively
- Capital Interest subvention at rate of 6 per cent per annum for maximum 7 years on loan amount of up to Rs 500 Crore for investment in manufacturing and service sector
- GST Linked Incentive of 300 per cent of the eligible value of actual investment in manufacturing and service sector for 10 years
- All existing units to get working capital interest incentive at rate of 5 per cent per annum for maximum 5 years. Maximum limit of incentive is Rs 1 Crore
- Jammu & Kashmir is emerging as the most favoured investment destination. Environment for industrial development will be created with these initiatives of the Government
- The objective of this scheme is to enable Jammu & Kashmir for competition at national level ■

Overseas Indians are now ambassadors of **BRAND INDIA**



The Indian Diaspora, who have established a name for India across the world through their culture and skill sets, are now eager to pay the debt of their homeland. With the same resolution, they are now working on realising the goal of AatmaNirbhar Bharat Mission and are becoming ambassadors of **'BRAND INDIA'**

Today, if the whole world has so much trust in India, it is due to the great contribution of all the overseas Indians. Wherever you went, you took India and Indianness along with you. India has never imposed anything on the world, but all of you in the world have created a curiosity and interest for India.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi at Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Convention 2021



While addressing Americans at the University of Michigan Swami Vivekanand said: "This century belongs to you, but the 21st century will certainly belong to India." His words in the last century have proven prophetic and India is gradually heading towards that end.

Now, Indian prowess is globally recognised. The country has not only emerged as an economic power to reckon with but has also got recognition as a military super power. It has become an achiever in the IT and space sectors and has carved a niche for itself in the healthcare sector. With Rs 29.87 Lakh Crore



WHAT IS PRAVASI BHARATIYA DIVAS...

Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD) is celebrated on January 9 every year to mark the contribution of Overseas Indian community in the development of India. January 9 was chosen as the day to celebrate the occasion as it was on this day in 1915, Mahatma Gandhi returned to India from South Africa. He led India's freedom struggle and changed lives of Indians forever. The then-Prime Minister Shri A.B. Vajpayee started the PBD convention in 2003, and since then it was held every year till 2015. The format was revised to celebrate the PBD once in every two years and to hold theme-based PBD Conferences with participation from overseas Diaspora experts, policy makers and stakeholders. The theme of 16th PBD Convention 2021 was "Contributing to AatmaNirbhar Bharat".

WHO ARE OVERSEAS INDIANS



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**Crore PIOs in
the world**

There are a total of 3.21 Crore Overseas Indians in the world. This number is greater than the population of 190 countries

- Persons of Indian origin (PIOs) are people of Indian birth, descent or origin who live outside India and have the citizenship of that country
- From Indra Nooyi to Sundar Pichai to Satya Nadella and Kalpana Chawla, people of Indian Diaspora have made their country proud
- United Arab Emirates (UAE) has 34.20 Lakh Indians, giving new direction to Relations with Overseas Indians
- The Prime Minister has tried to connect with overseas Indians on every foreign tour. From New York's Madison Square to Sydney's Allphones Arena, from Seychelles to Mauritius to Shanghai, everywhere the Prime Minister was welcomed with great enthusiasm by the Indian Diaspora
- Government's move to merge PIO and OCI was welcomed by Overseas Indians
- Visa rules are relaxed and procedures are simplified

investment for AatmaNirbhar Bharat package by the Government, India is heading towards a V-shaped economic recovery when the entire world is in shambles fighting COVID-19.

Amid all this, the role of Indian Diaspora is equally important in this growth story which the Prime Minister outlined in no unequivocal terms while addressing 16th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Convention, 2021. 'Contributing to AatmaNirbhar Bharat' as theme of PBD 2021, the Prime Minister said, "When India is moving forward to become self-reliant, your role in strengthening

the identity of Brand India is equally important." When one uses 'Made in India' products, people around will also have trust in them. It can be anything from tea to textile and therapy. Khadi is becoming a centre of attraction in the world. This will not only increase export volumes of India, but will also bring India's rich diversity to the world. This will help deliver affordable and quality solutions to the poorest of the world under the AtmaNirbhar Bharat campaign.

Moreover, assistance, expertise, investment and global network of Indian Diaspora will help



KEY POINTS OF THE PM'S ADDRESS

- What India has learnt during this global epidemic has now become an inspiration for a self-reliant India campaign
- Products that are made in India will benefit the whole world. Pharma industry demonstrates benefits of India's capabilities
- When India is moving forward to become self-reliant, role of overseas Indians is equally important in strengthening 'Brand India'
- India is ready to protect humanity with not one but two 'Made in India' Corona vaccines
- India's space programme and tech Startup ecosystem are leading in the world

realising the dream of Self-Reliant India. All necessary measures are being taken and some of them started bearing fruits with rankings of India in Ease of Doing Business, Global Innovation Index, Ease of Travel etc. going up, boosting confidence of the world community. Four new labour codes, agriculture reforms and better infrastructure will pave the way for investment to realise Self-Reliant India dream.

But the spirit behind India's self-reliance remains 'earn with hundreds of hands, but share with thousands of hands'. The products that will be made in India with the hard work of millions of Indians and solutions that will be developed in India will benefit the whole world. The world can never forget the role of India during Y2K and how India relieved the world of worries. India, again, is ready to take on challenges to turn them into opportunity. ■

INDIAN DIASPORA LEADING ABROAD



People of Indian origin have held important positions in all fields including politics, technology and academics. Dadabhai Naoroji became the first Indian to be Member of Parliament in UK. Now, Kamala Harris has become the Vice President-elect of the US. Also, President of Suriname Chandrikapersad Santokh is a man of Indian origin. Similarly, Pravind Kumar Jugnauth, who is Prime Minister of Mauritius, also has Indian roots. Priti Patel, the Secretary of State for the Home Department in the UK, is also part of the Indian Diaspora.

Not just politics, Sundar Pichai, Satya Nadella, Indra Nooyi, Shantanu Narayen, Ajay Banga have also brought fame to India with their extraordinary achievements in different fields. The Government gives the Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Award to those who have made significant contributions in better understanding of India abroad.

This year 30 people including New Zealand Minister Priyanka Radhakrishnan and Mukesh Aghi were conferred this award. An NGO from Armenia was awarded for propagating Indian culture and Dr Rajani Chandra De'Mello of Azerbaijan was awarded for his contribution in medicine.



(Scan QR code
for Prime Minister's
full speech)

An Ode to 'Frontier Gandhi'

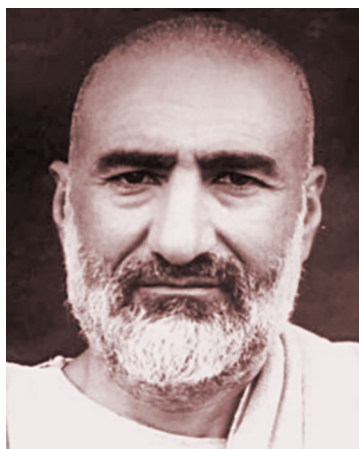
A close associate of Mahatma Gandhi – Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan – advocated Hindu-Muslim unity and was a staunch believer of non-violence.

India is paying tribute on his birth anniversary...

A Pakistani citizen on paper, but a true Hindustani by heart! Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan was conferred with India's highest civilian honour Bharat Ratna in 1987, of which he was the rightful recipient. A freedom fighter, educationist, Gandhian, the leader, who advocated Hindu-Muslim unity, was one of the staunchest votaries of unified India. He was fiercely against the creation of Pakistan. When the Congress accepted the demand of Pakistan, he felt betrayed telling the Congress leaders "you have thrown us to the wolves".

Love, honour and respect for him was all encompassing when Prime Minister Narendra Modi said, "It has been my good fortune that I had the opportunity to touch the feet of Khan Abduhal Ghaffar Khanji as a boy. I consider it my pride. Be it Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan, Ashfaq-Ulla Khan, Begum Hazrat Mahal, Veer Shaheed Abdumal Karim or former President Shriman APJ Abdul Kalam, all of us are Indians in our eyes."

Soon after attending Congress session in 1929, Ghaffar Khan founded



BORN: 6 FEBRUARY 1890
DIED: 20 JANUARY 1988

the Red Shirt movement (Khudai Khidmatgar) among Pashtuns which espoused nonviolent agitation for Indian independence and sought to awaken Pashtuns' political consciousness. Impressed with ideas and thoughts of Gandhiji, he had become one of his close associates and Khudai Khidmatgar supported the Congress.

Muriel Lester, a British citizen and social worker, wrote to Gandhiji in 1939 about Ghaffar Khan, "Now after getting to know Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan well, I feel that as far as meeting amazing people around the world is concerned, I am not going to get such a fortune in my life. He is the prince of the 'Old

Testament', with the mildness of 'New Testament'. How *Bhagavatparayan* he is! I am thankful to you for introducing us to him."

Ghaffar Khan, nicknamed as Frontier Gandhi (Sarhadi Gandhi) by Amir Chandra Bombwal, demanded Pakhnutistan instead of joining Pakistan by presenting Bannu Resolution in June 1947, which was turned down by the British.

A graduate from Aligarh Muslim University, Ghaffar Khan took the oath of allegiance of Pakistan on February 23, 1948, at the first session of the Pakistan Constituent Assembly. He formed Pakistan's first National opposition party on May 8, 1948, the Pakistan Azad Party, which was non-communal in its ideology. In 1984 he was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize.

He last visited India in 1985 to participate in the centenary celebrations of the Congress. He died in Peshawar under house arrest in 1988 and was laid to rest in Jalalabad, Afghanistan. We offer our tributes to this legendary personality who will be loved forever in India. ■

ENSURING SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Upcycled tyre scrap to make fashionable, eco-friendly, sustainable and durable footwear for men and women and saving trees by various means are not only India's but people's commitment towards generating employment and saving ecology

TURNING WASTE INTO BEST FOOTWEAR



The journey of a former IT professional — Pooja Badamikar — that started with discarded tyres and two cobblers has now turned into a full-blown business enterprise. The winner of Startup India's Upcoming Women Entrepreneur award, she started researching on scrap tyre business after quitting her job in a multinational IT company. Now she is not only contributing her bit to environment protection but has also set an example of self-reliance with her Startup. She is producing eco-friendly shoes. Badamikar uses scrap tyres to make footwear. She said, "One Billion scrap tyres are discarded annually in the world. I started working with the help of local cobblers and made two-three prototypes. That's how the journey began." Conventionally, virgin rubber or plastic material is used as sole for footwear but it is replaced with upcycled tyre that is helping to reduce landfills; reducing material like plastic to come to market; and reducing the use of oil and water which is consumed for manufacturing plastic or virgin rubber. Upcycling is the key to the new world. And Badamikar proved the same by creating successful business on this model.

SAVING TREES TO SAVE ENVIRONMENT



With India being the top performer in combating climate change and being on track to achieve targets set under the Paris Agreement, its citizens too are living up to the expectations of the Government. In one such initiative, a group called 'Bengaluru Hudduguru' roams around Bengaluru to remove nails from trees to save them. The group works on weekends. Piercing nails is extremely harmful for the trees and the environment. This group is helping to restore the beauty of the city by contributing in conservation and protection of the trees. One of the group members Kriti Joshi narrates that once a nail pierced her foot but she ignored it, and later she had to get operated thrice for this. From there she got the idea that if it becomes poisonous to the human body, it must also be harming the trees. Hence, this initiative. They have successfully removed even a kilogram of nails from a single tree. In view of Hudduguru team's effort, the Bengaluru Municipal Corporation decided to punish those who were found piercings nails in the trees. ■



Narendra Modi

How has PM Fasal Bima Yojana ensured greater benefit to farmers?

How has transparency been furthered in settlement of claims?

These, and other aspects relating to PM-FBY have been answered through innovative content on the NaMo App's Your Voice Section.

Rajnath Singh

The LCA-Tejas is going to be the backbone of the IAF fighter fleet in years to come. LCA-Tejas incorporates a large number of new technologies many of which were never attempted in India. The indigenous content of LCA-Tejas is 50% in Mk1A variant which will be enhanced to 60%.

Amit Shah

Visionary leadership can make a huge difference.

Time and again, we have seen a New India eager to innovate & help the humanity during crisis. The approval to Made in India vaccines will prove to be a game changer in boosting PM @NarendraModi's vision of an Aatmanirbhar Bharat.



Nitin Gadkari

ग्रामीण इकोनमी को बल मिले और किसानों को अतिरिक्त आमदनी हो इसलिए हम खादी ग्रामोद्योग के क्षेत्र में नए-नए इनोवेशन के लिए प्रयासरत हैं। इसी क्रम में आज केवीआईसी (KVIC) के माध्यम से गाय के गोबर से बने एंटी-वायरल 'प्राकृतिक पेंट' को केंद्रीय मंत्री श्री @girirajsinghbhp जी एवं केंद्रीय राज्यमंत्री श्री @pcsarangi जी की उपस्थिति में लॉन्च किया।



Kiren Rijiju

I'm happy to share that govt is leaving no stone unturned to ensure our athletes get the best support. Bringing world acclaimed sports scientist Dr Genadijus Sokolovas to work with our swimmers is a step in that direction. Top swimmers including Michael Phelps have consulted him



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#India continues to take decisive action & demonstrate its resolve to end #COVID19 pandemic. As the world's largest vaccine producer it's well placed to do so. If we #ACTogether, we can ensure effective & safe vaccines are used to protect the most vulnerable everywhere @narendramodi

Gas activists request PM to stop vaccine trials in Bhopal

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Bhopal: Organisations working with Bhopal gas disaster victims on Sunday urged PM Modi to stop the clinical trial of Covaxin in Bhopal, alleging irregularities in process and protocol. The activists have written to the PM and Union health minister and marked copies to at least 20 government officials, demanding punishment for those who allegedly "neglected the safety and well-being of vaccine trial participants".

"They also demand to know why India's drugs regulator approved emergency-use authorisation of Covaxin 'almost a fortnight after a volunteer died in Bhopal'. The volunteer, Pradeep Marwari, died on December 21, nine days after taking the first dose in phase-3 of the Covaxin trial at People's Medical College. The preliminary autopsy report suspected poisoning, and Bharat Biotech, the vaccine maker, has said the death is 'unrelated to the trial dosing'."

"TOI contacted Bharat Biotech for its reaction but got no response. 'There are several factors that can cause an adverse event during a clinical trial, including the patient's underlying disease, other pre-existing conditions or any other unrelated occurrence like an accident. This SAE has been thoroughly investigated and has been found not related to vaccine or placebo,' the company had said on Saturday. Full report on www.toi.in

Trust in political, social leadership of Indian-origin people growing: PM

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 9

UNDERLINING THE strength of the country's diversity and the importance of the Indian diaspora abroad, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said Saturday that "if there's any place in the world where democracy is most strong, vibrant and alive, it is India". Across the world, he said, there's a growing trust in the "social and political leadership" of Indian-origin people.

Modi made these remarks in his inaugural address to the 16th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD) conference in Delhi.

Modi-led body to celebrate 125th birth anniversary of Netaji Subhas

The committee will guide the commemorative activities in Delhi, Kolkata and other places associated with Netaji and the Azad Hind Fauj, both in India as well as overseas. Other members of the committee include Union Ministers Amit Shah, Rajnath Singh, Nirmala Sitharaman, Narendra Singh Tomar, Smriti Irani, Prakash Javadekar, Jitendra Singh, Prahlad Singh Patel and West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee.

Minister of State for Environment Babul Supriyo and Minister of State for Women and Child Development Debarshi Chaudhuri are also among the members. Former Prime Minister HD Deve Gowda and Manmohan Singh have also been named as the committee members. The committee will also be considered by the Cabinet for implementation, sub-implementations, instructions



PM Modi at inauguration of Pravasi Bharatiya Divas, via video conference, in Delhi.

world. Not only will you be increasing the volume of Indian exports, you are also taking world, that, as Bharat men and women, and

On Twitter, Modi is now most-followed active politician

PM Narendra Modi became the world's most followed active politician on Twitter on Saturday after the suspension of US President Trump's account. PM Modi currently has 64.7 million followers. Trump had over 88.7 million followers when his handle was taken down. Former US president

"Involving the diaspora in that endeavour is natural," Jaishankar said as they "have always been enthusiastic contributors to nation-building", "can bring to bear resources, technology, best practices and innovations" as "high achievers" and "help in giving this ambitious exercise a truly global footprint".

He said a "bold scheme of production-linked incentives in 13 key sectors offers the potential of transforming manufacturing in the country" and "it would have direct consequences for employment and inclusiveness".

'Ushering in rapid reforms to become \$5-trillion economy'

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI, 9 JANUARY

India is strengthening the entire ecosystem to achieve Prime Minister Narendra Modi's dream of becoming a \$5-trillion economy by 2025 through rapid structural reforms, Union minister Piyush Goyal said today.

Addressing the Pravasi Bharatiya Divas conference,



You have unique insights into consumer behaviour and can guide Indian industry to develop customised

PM: India ready to protect humanity

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, 9 JANUARY

Prime Minister Narendra Modi today said the country was ready to protect humanity by providing two Indian-manufactured Coronavirus vaccines and appealed to the Indian diaspora to use more "Made in India" products to popularise them across the globe.

Addressing the virtual inaugural session of the Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD) conference,



"We are ready to protect humanity with two 'Made in India' Corona vaccines. The world is not only waiting for India's vaccine, but everyone is watching how India runs the world's largest vaccination programme."

Persons of Indian Origin served their societies, from doctors to social workers to even commoners."

India's mantra of 'One Sun, One World, One Grid' was appealing to the world. India's history was proof that there was no question or doubts about the country's ability in any circumstances, he added.

"India used to import PPE kits, masks, ventilators and testing kits from outside but today our nation is self-reliant. Today India is ready to save humanity with two 'Made in India' activities for

He highlighted that through rapid structural reforms, India is strengthening the entire ecosystem to achieve the Prime Minister's dream of a \$5-trillion economy by 2025.

"Our holistic approach consists of improving the ease of starting a business, ease of doing a business, and ease of growing our businesses," Goyal added. The minister pointed out that India is growing rapidly and offers a



THE NIGHTINGALE OF INDIA

One of the most prominent figures of India's freedom struggle, Sarojini Naidu was an activist, a poet par excellence. Her work as a poet earned her the sobriquet – 'Nightingale of India'. Post-Independence, she became India's first woman Governor of United Provinces, today known as Uttar Pradesh.

**In the battle for liberty, fear is one unforgivable treachery
and despair, the one unforgivable sin**

Sarojini Naidu