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75 Days of Modi 2.0 Government

Clear Intentions Decisive Actions



Highlights of the Prime Minister's Address from the Red Fort on the 73rd Independence Day



70 days of path breaking decision-making

- To revoke Article **370 and 35A** within 10 weeks of the formation of the new Government is a significant step towards fulfilling the dream of Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel.
- What was not done in the last 70 years was **accomplished within 70 days**. The abrogation of Article 370 and 35A was passed in both Rajya Sabha and Lok Sabha by two-thirds majority.
- We have enacted law against Triple Talaq to protect the rights of our Muslim women.
- Transfer of about **Rs. 90,000 crores** to farmers' bank accounts is in progress to those who are beneficiaries of **PM Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana**.
- **Pension scheme to farmers and small entrepreneurs** has been put in place which was never imagined earlier.
- To address water crisis, a new dedicated **Jal Shakti Ministry** has been created.

- Centre and States will together take forward the **Jal-Jeevan Mission** and an amount of more than Rs. 3.5 lakh crores has been earmarked for this.

Sabka Saath, SabkaVikas, SabkaVishwaas

- "We are also working to provide inclusive development to the tribal communities, minorities and all sections of the society."
- The aspirations of the citizens of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh should be fulfilled and dalits living there should get equal rights as enjoyed by the rest in the country. Similarly, communities like Gujjars, Bakarwals, Gaddis, Sippies or Balties should get political rights

One Nation, One Constitution

- It was in keeping up with the democratic spirit of India that Article 370 and Article 35A were abrogated.
- The old arrangement in J&K and Ladakh encouraged corruption, nepotism.
- J&K and Ladakh can become role models of peace and prosperity and contribute significantly towards India's development.
- Today every Indian can proudly say '**One Nation, One Constitution**'.
- GST achieved the dream of '**One Nation, One tax**'. We successfully attained '**One Nation, One Grid**' in the power sector. We also developed '**One Nation, One Mobility Card**' system. Today there is a discussion in the country for '**One Nation, One Poll**' and it should happen in a democratic manner.

Jal Jeevan Mission

- It is unfortunate that so many people lack access to water even 70 years after Independence.
- "Work on the **Jal Jeevan Mission** will progress with great vigour. **Rs 3.5 lakh crore** will be used for this mission
- Water conservation should become a mass movement.

Towards greater awareness on population explosion

- Population explosion can create new problems for future generations.
- Parents should seriously think whether they can fulfil their child's dreams.

Giving citizens the freedom to pursue their aspirations

- 2014 to 2019, was the time to fulfil the needs of people and 2019 onwards is the time to give wings to the aspirations of the people of the country.
- There should be no interference on the part of the government but if needed the government should always be there.

High jump, not incremental progress

- We should build an eco-system in which there should be less Government interference in daily life.
- The country can no longer wait for incremental progress but should strive for giant strides.
- For development of **modern infrastructure**, an amount of **Rs. 100 lakh crore** has been earmarked for this period which will create new job opportunities besides improving the living standards.

Moving towards a \$5 trillion economy

- India dreams of a 5 Trillion Dollar Economy. In the 70 years of independence, the country became a 2 Trillion Dollar Economy but in the last 5 years, we have made it a 3 Trillion Dollar Economy and at this pace, we can become a 5 Trillion Dollar Economy.
- By 75th year of independence, farmers' income should double, every poor should get a pucca house, every family should get electricity connection and every village should have optical fibre network and broadband connectivity besides facility of long distance education.
- We have to lay stress on Blue Economy. Our farmers should become exporters and every district of the country should be an export hub. Value added goods from every district should reach global markets. **Our guiding principle is "Zero Defect, Zero Effect"**.
- As a Tourist Destination, India can become a wonder in the world. All Indians should promote tourism, because tourism provides more jobs with less investment and also strengthens economy.
- A stable government provides for policy predictability and a stable system creates international trust. The world is looking at India with admiration for its political stability.
- It is a matter of pride for India that we are progressing at a high growth rate with price rise under control.
- The fundamentals of our economy are very strong and reforms like GST & IBC have created a new faith in the system.
- Our investors should invest more, earn more and generate more jobs. We should stop viewing our Wealth Creators with suspicion: they deserve greater respect. Greater wealth creation will lead to greater distribution and help in the welfare of poor people.
- 'Made in India' products, would improve the rural economy and give a boost to the MSME sector.

Ease of Living

- Ease of living is the necessity of independent India.
- In the coming days, **1.5 lakh wellness centers** will be created all over the country.
- **One medical college** in the midst of **three Lok Sabha constituencies, housing for two crore poor people, drinking water supply in 15 crore rural households and 1.25 lakh km roads in rural areas**, besides connecting every village with broadband and optical fiber network are some of the targets to be achieved.

Strengthening coordination among defence forces

- India's forces are India's pride and to further strengthen the coordination among them, India will have a **Chief of Defence Staff - CDS**. This is going to make the forces even more effective.

Fight Against Terrorism

- India is strongly fighting against the forces spreading terrorism. India in league with other nations of the world will expose those harboring, promoting and exporting terrorism. To abolish the menace of terrorism, our security forces and security agencies have played an exemplary role and I salute them.

Clarion call to free India from single use plastic

- Can we free India from single use plastic? The time for implementing such an idea has come. May teams be mobilised to work in this direction. Let a significant step be made on 2nd October.

'Yes' to digital payments, 'no' to cash

- Our digital payment platforms are evolving strong. We should lay stress on digital payments for our village shops, small outlets and smaller city malls.





Ushering A New Era of Development in Jammu, Kashmir & Ladakh

My fellow countrymen,

As a country and as a family, you and us, together we took a historic decision. A system which denied due rights to our brothers and sisters of Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh; a system which was huge hurdle in their development has now been eradicated. A dream which Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel had, a dream which Babasaheb Ambedkar had, the dream shared by Shyama Prasad Mukherjee, Atalji and crores of citizens, has now been fulfilled.

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Beginning of a New Era

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Friends,

Sometimes certain things of the social life get so entangled with time that they are considered to be permanent. A sentiment of complacency develops and it is thought that nothing is ever going to change. A similar sentiment prevailed for Article 370. Because of this there was no debate or talk about the damage done to our brothers and sisters, our children in Jammu-Kashmir and Ladakh. Astonishingly, nobody was able to list the benefits that Article 370 delivered to the people of Jammu-Kashmir.

Brothers and sisters,

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

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.

Friends,

Whichever government comes to power, it works for the betterment of the country by enacting laws in the Parliament. No matter which party or coalition is in power, this work never stops. There is a lot of debate both inside and outside the Parliament when laws are

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enacted and made, a lot of debate and brainstorming occurs and serious arguments are put up over its importance and effect. The laws that are enacted after undergoing this process are beneficial for the people of the nation. However, it's unfathomable that so many laws are enacted in the Parliament but are not implemented in a particular region of the country. Even previous governments who were hailed after enacting a law couldn't claim that the same law would be implemented in the Jammu & Kashmir region.

More than 1.5 crore people of Jammu & Kashmir were deprived of the benefits of laws that were enacted for the benefit of the people of India. Imagine children in rest of the country have a right to education while children in Jammu & Kashmir were deprived of this right. The daughters of Jammu & Kashmir were deprived of the right that our daughters have in rest of the states. In all the other states, Safai Karamchari Act was enacted for hygiene workers but the workers of Jammu & Kashmir were deprived of this. In other states, strict laws were enacted to stop atrocities on Dalits but no such laws could be implemented in Jammu & Kashmir. To protect the rights of blue-collar workforce, Minimum Wages Act was enacted and implemented in all the other states while such a law is only found on papers in the state of Jammu & Kashmir. In all other states, our brothers and sisters from Scheduled Tribes got reservation while contesting elections, but such a thing is unheard of in the state of Jammu & Kashmir.

Friends, I am fully confident that, following the abrogation of Article 370 and 35-A, Jammu and Kashmir would soon come out of its negative effects.

Brothers and sisters, in the new system, the priority of the central government would be to keep state government employees and Jammu and Kashmir police personnel at par with the state government employees and police personnel of other states in terms of facilities. In Union Territories, the government provides many such financial facilities like LTC, House Rent Allowance, Education Allowance for children, Health Schemes etc., most of which are not provided to the employees of Jammu and Kashmir government. Such facilities would soon be provided to the employees of Jammu and Kashmir government and state police personnel following a review.

Friends, very soon the process to fill in the vacancies of central and state government will be initiated in Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh. This would provide adequate employment opportunities to the local youth. Besides, public sector units of the central government and big private sector companies would also be encouraged to provide new employment opportunities. Apart from the above, Army and para military forces would organize rallies to recruit local youths. The government would also expand Prime Minister's Scholarship Scheme so that more and more students can get its benefit. Jammu and Kashmir also



suffers huge revenue loss. The central government will ensure to minimize its impact.

Brothers and sisters, after abrogation of Article 370, the central government has decided to keep the state of Jammu and Kashmir under its administration after putting in a lot of thought process into it. It is essential for you to understand the reasons behind the decision. Ever since the state has been under governor's rule, the administration of Jammu and Kashmir is directly under the central government. As a result, the positive effect of Good Governance and Development have been observed on the ground. The schemes which earlier remained only in files, have been implemented on ground. Projects pending from decades have been speeded up. We have tried to bring transparency and a new work culture in the Jammu and Kashmir administration. As a result, be it IIT, IIM, AIIMS, various irrigation projects or power projects or the Anti-Corruption Bureau, we have been able to expedite the work on these projects. Besides, be it the projects of connectivity, roads or new rail lines, modernization of the airport, everything is being accelerated.

Friends,

The democracy in our country is very strong; but you will be surprised to know that there have been thousands of brother and sisters living for decades in Jammu and Kashmir who had the right to cast their vote in Lok Sabha polls but were not allowed to cast vote in assembly and local body elections. They are the ones who had come to India following partition in 1947. Should we have allowed the injustice to continue in the same way?

Friends,

I would also like to clarify another important point to my brothers and sisters of Jammu and Kashmir. Your political representative will be elected by you, he will be one of you. The MLAs would be elected just as they used to be elected earlier. The forthcoming cabinet would just be as it used to be earlier. The Chief Ministers would just be as they were before.



Friends, I am fully confident that, under the new system, we would collectively be able to keep the state of Jammu and Kashmir free from terrorism and secessionism. When our Jammu and Kashmir- the paradise on earth, after achieving new heights of development, attract the whole world, and when there will be greater Ease of Living in the lives of citizens; when they would ceaselessly get their rights, when all the tools of governance would speed up the work in favor of the masses, then I don't think there would be any need to continue with the system under the union government, yes it would continue in Ladakh though.

Brothers and sisters,

we all want assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir, that a new government is formed, that a new Chief Minister is elected. I assure the people of Jammu and Kashmir that you would get the opportunity to elect your representative in a fully honest and transparent atmosphere. Just as Panchayat polls were held transparently recently, assembly polls would also be held in Jammu and Kashmir. I would urge the Governor of the state that the setting up of Block Development Council, which has been pending for past two-three decades, be expedited.

Friends,

I have personally experienced that those who got elected in Panchayat polls in Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh four-five months back, have been working nicely. Few months back when I visited Srinagar, I had a long meeting with them. When they came to Delhi I interacted with them for long at my home. It is because of these friends in Panchayats that the work has been done promptly at village level in Jammu and Kashmir. Be it the task of electrification in every home or making the state Open Defecation Free, the representatives in Panchayats have played a crucial role. I am fully confident that following the abrogation of Article 370, once these Panchayat members get a chance to work in the

Youth to lead the new J&K

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new system, they would do wonders.

I firmly believe that the people of Jammu and Kashmir would conquer secessionism and move forward with new hope. I firmly believe that the people of Jammu and Kashmir would achieve their objectives with renewed fervor in an ecosystem of Good Governance and Transparency. Friends, Family rule has not given any opportunity of leadership to any young citizen of Jammu and Kashmir in the State.

Now, these young people will take leadership of the development of Jammu and Kashmir and take it to a new height. I appeal to the youth, sisters and daughters of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh to take over command of development of their area in their own hands.

Friends,

There is every possibility of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh becoming one of the greatest tourist destinations. The kind of environment required for this and the change in administration that is needed, is being taken care of. But for this, I need the support of all the countrymen. There was a time when Kashmir was the favourite place for shooting Bollywood films. During that time perhaps there was no film for which shooting was not done in Kashmir. Now, situations in Jammu and Kashmir will normalize. Now not only from India, people from all over the world will come for shooting there. Every Film will bring with it new opportunity of employment for the people of Kashmir. I appeal to the Hindi, Telugu and Tamil Film Industry and people associated with it to definitely think over for investment, shooting of films and establishment of theatres and other resources in Jammu and Kashmir.



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I appeal to those who are associated with the technology world, administration or private sector to give priority in their policies and their decisions as to how to disseminate technology in Jammu and Kashmir. When digital communication will be strengthened there and BPO Centres, Common Service Centres will increase in numbers, there will be enhanced opportunity of earning livelihood and the life of our brothers and sisters of Jammu and Kashmir will become easier.

Friends,

The decision taken by the Govt. will benefit youth of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh and those who aspire to progress in the world of sports. New sport academies, new sports stadium, training in scientific environment will help them to show their talent in the world. Friends, whether it is the colour of *kesar* or flavour of Kahwa or sweetness of apple or juiciness of apricot whether Kashmiri shawls or artefacts; organic products of Ladakh or herbal medicine of Jammu and Kashmir, all these need to be publicised in the whole of world.

70 साल बाद
अखंड भारत • जम्मू-कश्मीर को विशेष दर्जा देने वाला अनुच्छेद 370 बदला • राज्य में नागरिकता बताने वाला अनुच्छेद 35A भी रद्द • जम्मू-कश्मीर और लद्दाख अलग-अलग केंद्र शासित प्रदेश

देश में अब एक विधान, एक निशान

Dainik Bhaskar, 6 August, 2019

I will give you one example. There is a plant in Ladakh, named *so/o*. Experts say that this plant is like a *sanjivini* for people living in high altitude and for security forces deployed in heavy icy mountains. These plants have great role in maintaining immune system of the body, where oxygen level is low. Just think over, should these extraordinary items be sold or not in the whole world? Which Indian will not like this?

Friends, I have named only one plant. There are ample plants, herbal products spread over Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh. Those will be identified. If they are sold, it will benefit the people and the farmers of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh. Therefore, I appeal to the people associated with Industry, Export, Food Processing Sector to come forward to ensure that local products of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh reach whole of the world.

Friends, after becoming a Union territory, the development of people of Ladakh is natural responsibility of the Govt. of India. Central Govt., with the cooperation of local representatives, the Development Council of Ladakh and Kargil, will make available the benefit of all developmental schemes at a faster rate. There is possibility of Ladakh becoming one of the greatest Centers of spiritual tourism, adventure tourism and eco-tourism. Solar Power generation could become a vast centre of Ladakh.

Now, the capability of people of Ladakh will be utilized appropriately and new opportunity of development will come without any discrimination. Now the innovative spirit of youth of

Let's realize the dream of a peaceful, safe and prosperous J & K

“Jammu – Kashmir is the crown of our country. We are proud that many brave sons and daughters of Jammu – Kashmir have sacrificed and risked their lives for its security. ... We have lost thousands of people from other parts of the country as well. They all had a dream of seeing a peaceful, safe and prosperous Jammu – Kashmir. We, together, have to realize their dream.”

Ladakh will get boosted, they will get good institutes for good education, people will get good hospitals, and infrastructure will be modernized with priority.

Friends,

It is possible in democracy that some people will agree to this decision and some will oppose it. I respect their disagreement and their objections. Whatever is being argued in this connection, Central Govt. is responding to that and it is trying to resolve the same. It is our democratic responsibility. But I urge them to act keeping the national interest as paramount and help the government in giving a new direction to Jammu - Kashmir-Ladakh. Come forward to help the country.

Moving ahead from the fact that who voted in Parliament, who didn't, who supported the bill, who didn't, now we all have to come together to work unitedly in the interest of Jammu - Kashmir-Ladakh. I also want to convey every countryman that the concerns of Jammu – Kashmir and Ladakh are our collective concerns. These are the concerns of 130 crore

citizens. We are not indifferent to their happiness or sorrows and sufferings. The riddance from Article 370 is a reality. But it is also true that whatever odds are being caused now because of these historic steps are being fought by them only.

Our brothers and sisters of that region are patiently replying to those handful people, who want to vitiate the atmosphere there. We should not forget that it is the patriots of Jammu – Kashmir who are strongly opposing the conspiracies of Pakistan of instigating terrorism and separatism.

Our brothers and sisters, who believe in Indian Constitution, deserve a better life. We are proud of them. Today I assure these friends of Jammu – Kashmir that the situation will gradually return to normal and all their troubles too will reduce.

Friends, the festival of Eid is around the corner. I extend my greetings to all on Eid. The government is taking all necessary steps so that the people of Jammu – Kashmir don't face any problem while celebrating Eid. The government is extending all possible help to those friends who live outside Jammu – Kashmir and want to return back to their homes on Eid.



Friends, today on this occasion, I also express my gratitude to our friends in security forces, who are deployed for the security of the people of Jammu – Kashmir. The way all the administrative officials, state employees and Jammu – Kashmir police personnel are handling the situation is really commendable. Your this diligence has boosted my confidence that change can happen.

Brothers and sisters, Jammu – Kashmir is the crown of our country. We are proud that many brave sons and daughters of Jammu – Kashmir have sacrificed and risked their lives for its security. Maulvi Ghulam Din of Poonch district, who had informed Indian Army about Pakistani intruders during 1965 war. He was conferred Ashok Chakra. Col. Sonam Wangchug of Ladakh district, who forced enemies to bite dust during Kargil war, was honoured with Mahavir Chakra. Kirti Chakra was conferred on Rukshana Kausar of

Rajauri, who had killed a big terrorist. Martyr Aurangzeb of Poonch, who was assassinated by terrorists last year and whose two brothers are now serving the country after joining the Army. The list of such brave sons and daughters is very long. Several jawans and officials of Jammu – Kashmir Police have also laid their lives while fighting with terrorists. We have lost thousands of people from other parts of the country as well. They all had a dream of seeing a peaceful, safe and prosperous Jammu – Kashmir. We, together, have to realize their dream. Friends! This decision will help in economic development of the entire country along with Jammu - Kashmir and Ladakh. When peace and prosperity prevails in this important part of the globe, the efforts for peace in entire world will be naturally strengthened.

I call upon my brothers and sisters of Jammu – Kashmir and Ladakh to come together to show the world how much strength, courage and passion we have. Let us come together to build a new India, as well as a new Jammu - Kashmir and Ladakh.

Thank you very much!

Jai Hind!!!

**Jammu, Kashmir
& Ladakh
Crown of India**

Path breaking decisions- Bringing J&K to Mainstream

Modi Government in a historic step removes special provisions under Article 370 to Jammu & Kashmir. Article 35 A of the Constitution abrogated.

- Brings Jammu & Kashmir at par with other States & UTs
- All provisions of Constitution of India to now apply on J&K.
- Boost to the local economy and job creation by allowing private investment.
- Betterment of socio-economic infrastructure in the state.
- Laws pertaining to Education, Empowerment of SCs, STs, Minorities & others to be applicable to J&K.
- Provision of 10% quota to economically weaker sections of society to apply in the state of J&K in jobs and educational institutions.

Jammu and Kashmir (Reorganisation) Act, 2019

- Jammu & Kashmir to be a Union territory with a Legislative Assembly
- Fulfilling its age old dream, Ladakh now to be a Union Territory without a Legislative Assembly.

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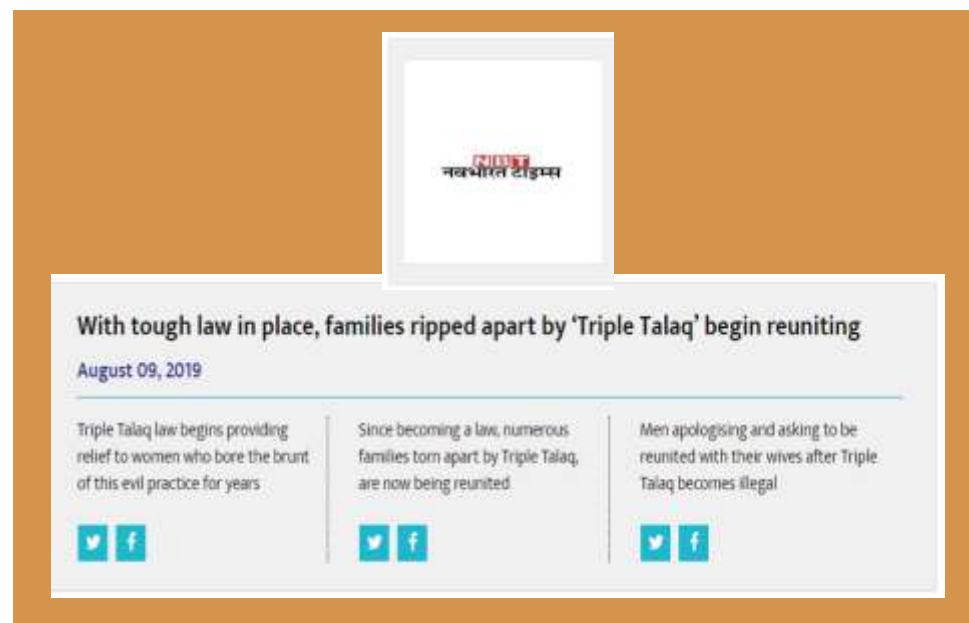
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'Ek Vidhaan, Ek Pradhyan, Ek Nishaan' slogan implemented after 66 years

History re-written: Centre scraps Articles 370, 35-A; to bifurcate J&K into 2 UTs

Sigh of Relief for Married Muslim Women - Regressive Practise of Triple Talaq abolished

- In a step to protect the vulnerable married Muslim Women, Modi Government has abolished the regressive practise of Triple Talaq.
- Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Marriage) Act 2019 abolishes Triple Talaq. Any pronouncement of talaq by a Muslim husband upon his wife shall be void and illegal.
- Makes Triple Talaq a punishable offence with imprisonment up to three years and fine.



Safeguarding Child Rights: Modi Government amends POCSO Act

- Parliament passes Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) (Amendment) Bill, 2019 strengthening the act by including death penalty for sexual assault on children.
- It makes the offences against children gender neutral.
- 1023 fast track courts to be set in the country in one year for speedy hearing of POCSO cases.
- 40,000 teachers to be trained for awareness in schools across the country to make children aware about the good and bad touch.

The Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Bill 2019: Upholding the rights of Transgender.

- Prohibits discrimination and defines the rights of a transgender person.
- Every transgender person shall have a right to reside and be included in his household.
- No government or private entity can discriminate against a transgender person in employment.



Minorities Welfare

- A record number of 2 lakh Indian Muslims including 48 percent women to go to Haj this year, that too without any subsidy.
- 5 crore students, including 50 percent girls will be provided various scholarships in the next five years.
- Target set to achieve 100 per cent digitization of Waqf properties across the country in first 100 days.

Tribal Welfare

- 'Go Tribal Campaign' launched to promote the use of tribal products. 'Tribes India' goes global to step up exports of Tribal Products.
- e-Governance Initiatives for Scheduled Tribes Welfare Schemes launched for bringing in greater e-Governance in implementation of welfare schemes for STs.

Ensuring Wage Security

- **THE CODE ON WAGES, 2019: Women's equality ensured.**
 - Historic Act - removes discrimination against Women and ensures equal wages as their male counterparts.
 - Ensures statutory protection for minimum wages and timely payment of wages to approximately 50 crore workers of organized as well as unorganized sector.
 - No employer shall pay to any employee wages less than the minimum rate of wages notified by the Government.
 - Many un-organised sector workers like agricultural workers, painters, persons working in restaurants and dhabas and chowkidars, who were outside the ambit of minimum wages, will get legislative protection of minimum wages.
- **Pradhan Mantri Laghu Vyapari Maan-Dhan Yojana, 2019:**
 - Modi Government approved Pradhan Mantri Laghu Vyapari Maan-Dhan Yojana, 2019 to provide minimum assured pension of Rs 3000 to small traders after attaining age of 60 years.
 - Around 3 crore small traders will be benefited from the scheme.
 - All shopkeepers, retail traders and self-employed persons to benefit
 - Govt reduced rate of contribution under ESI Act from 6.5% to 4% for both employees and Employers. It will benefit 3.6 crore employees and 12.85 lakhs employers.



Protecting the poor from financial frauds

- The Modi government approved the Banning of Unregulated Deposit Schemes Bill, 2019
- It seeks to provide for a comprehensive mechanism to ban the unregulated deposit schemes, other than deposits taken in the ordinary course of business, and to protect the interest of depositors

Empowerment of All

Development Reaching the Unreached



- During 2019-20 to 2021-22, 1.95 crore houses are proposed to be provided to eligible beneficiaries under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana – Gramin.
- By 2022, the 75th year of India's independence, the government to ensure every single rural family has an electricity and a clean cooking gas connection.
- Drinking water to be provided to all rural households by 2024 under the Jal Jeevan Mission.

- To provide further impetus to affordable housing, additional deduction of upto Rs 1.5 lakh on interest paid on loans borrowed upto 31 March, 2020 for purchase of house up to Rs 45 lakhs.
- One woman in every Self-Help Group (SHG) will be allowed for a loan upto Rs 1 lakh under Mudra loan. Every women SHG member having a verified Jan Dhan account to get an overdraft facility of Rs 5,000.
- Under Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana 16,085 hospitals empaneled, nearly 35,00,000 beneficiaries treated and over 9.1Crore cards have been issued so far.
- Under Ayushman Bharat, More than 20,216 Health and Wellness centres have become operational across the country.
- Under the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana, more than 7.7 crore Gas connections have been given to poor women so far.

Development for All Transforming India






PM Ujjwala Yojana Ensuring Smoke Free Lives for Poor Families



Over 7.7 crore poor women got LPG connections



Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana – National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM)

-  16,494 Self Help Groups (SHGs) formed.
-  11,750 individuals/youth trained and certified in different skills fit for livelihood in urban areas; over 8,000 got placement.
-  8,183 beneficiaries assisted for setting up of individual/group micro enterprises.
-  49 shelters constructed and made functional for urban homeless;
-  Rs 164.27 cr central assistance released to States during the period.

Good news for poor and middle class - LPG price reduction

- The price of non-subsidised LPG was cut by over Rs 100 per cylinder on the back of softening international rates.
- The cooking gas in Delhi will be priced at Rs 637 per cylinder as against the earlier Rs 737.50.



Towards Doubling Farmer Incomes

Extending the PM-KISAN safety umbrella for all farmers

- Modi Government extends PM KISAN Scheme to another 2 crore farmers, takes total beneficiaries to 14.5 crore. Central Government to spend Rs. 87,217.50 crores in 2019-20.



Pension scheme to secure lives of Anna-Daatas

- 5 Crore Small and Marginal farmers to get pension benefits under PM Kisan Maan Dhan Yojana in the first three years itself.
- 10,000 new Farmer Producer Organizations (FPO) to help farmers get quicker access to agricultural reforms and help small and marginal farmers to get lower rates for inputs and sell produce at higher rates.

Creation of a 40 LMT sugar buffer stock

- Creation of a buffer stock of 40 lakh metric tonnes (LMT) of sugar for one year from August 1, 2019, to July 31, 2020, at an estimated cost of Rs 1,674 crore
- The reimbursement under the scheme to be directly credited into the farmers' account on behalf of mills.
- It will facilitate the timely clearance of cane price dues of farmers and stabilization in sugar prices.
- The decision will benefit sugar mills in all sugarcane producing states by way of clearing their cane price arrears.



Higher minimum support prices for Kharif crops

- The increase in minimum support prices (MSP) for kharif crops, approved by the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, is in line with giving farmers 1.5 times the cost of production.
- The highest percentage return to farmers over their cost of production is for Bajra (85%) followed by Urad (64%) and Tur (60%).

CABINET APPROVALS

3rd July, 2019

Hike in MSP of all Kharif Crops for 2019-20 Season

Crop	MSP 2018-19 (per quintal)	MSP 2019-20 (per quintal)
 Paddy	₹1750	→ ₹1815
 Jowar	₹2430	→ ₹2550
 Bajra	₹1950	→ ₹2000
 Ragi	₹2897	→ ₹3150
 Maize	₹1700	→ ₹1760
 Tur	₹5675	→ ₹5800
 Moong	₹6975	→ ₹7050
 Urad	₹5600	→ ₹5700
 Groundnut	₹4890	→ ₹5090
 Sunflower Seed	₹5388	→ ₹5650
 Soyabean	₹3399	→ ₹3910
 Sesamum	₹6249	→ ₹6485
 Nigerseed	₹5877	→ ₹5940
 Cotton	₹5150	→ ₹5255



Towards Commanding Water Security

Formation of Jal Shakti Ministry

- Fulfilling a promise made in their manifesto to urgently but comprehensively address water-related issues, Modi Government formed the Jal Shakti Ministry.
- Water management and access to safe drinking water has become part of the public discourse, mainly thanks to PM Modi's continuous focus on it.
- On 1 July 2019, the Jal Shakti Abhiyan - a campaign for water conservation and water security was launched. The campaign will run through citizen participation during the monsoon season, focusing on water stressed districts and blocks.



Resolving Inter-State Water Disputes efficiently

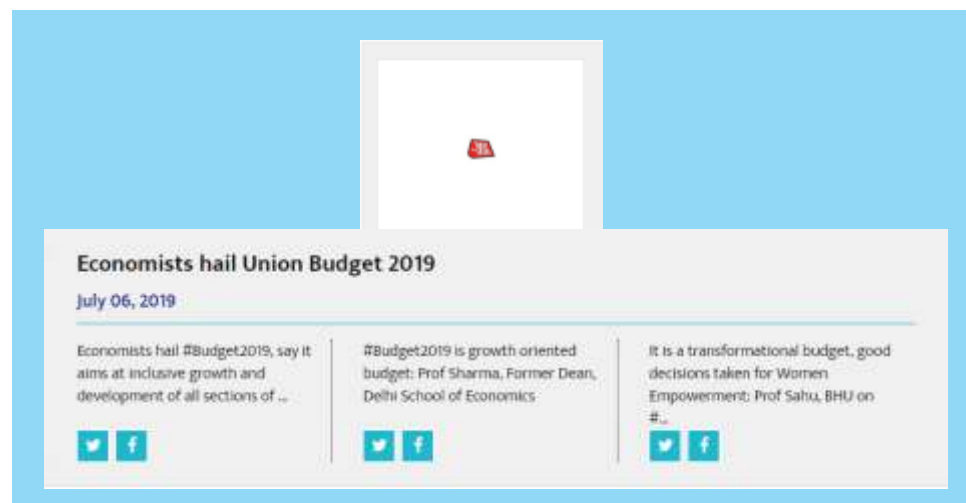


- Lok Sabha passed the Inter-State River Water disputes (Amendment) Bill, 2019 streamlining adjudication of disputes relating to inter-State rivers.
- Constitution of a single tribunal with different benches along with fixation of strict timelines for adjudication will result in speedy resolution of disputes

**Good
Governance**

Budget Session 2019- Witnessed passage of several significant Bills

- Parliament passed several significant Bills: repeal of Article 370, Reorganization of Jammu and Kashmir, Triple Talaq Bill, Motor Vehicle Bill.
- Total 40 Bills (33 in Lok Sabha and 07 in Rajya Sabha) were introduced in the parliament during the Budget session of 17th Lok Sabha. 35 Bills were passed by Lok Sabha; 32 Bills by Rajya Sabha and 30 Bills passed by both the Houses of Parliament.
- The passage of 30 Bills by both the Houses is a record in single first/effective Session after constitution of the Lok Sabha.
- The productivity of Lok Sabha was approximately 137% and that of Rajya Sabha was approximately 103%.



Repealing 58 redundant laws

- After the Modi government came in 2014, over 1,000 redundant laws were repealed. Now, in 2019, it cleared a bill for repeal of 58 redundant laws.
- Some of them ease the lives of people and ease business since they were outdated but could still be used to harass people.

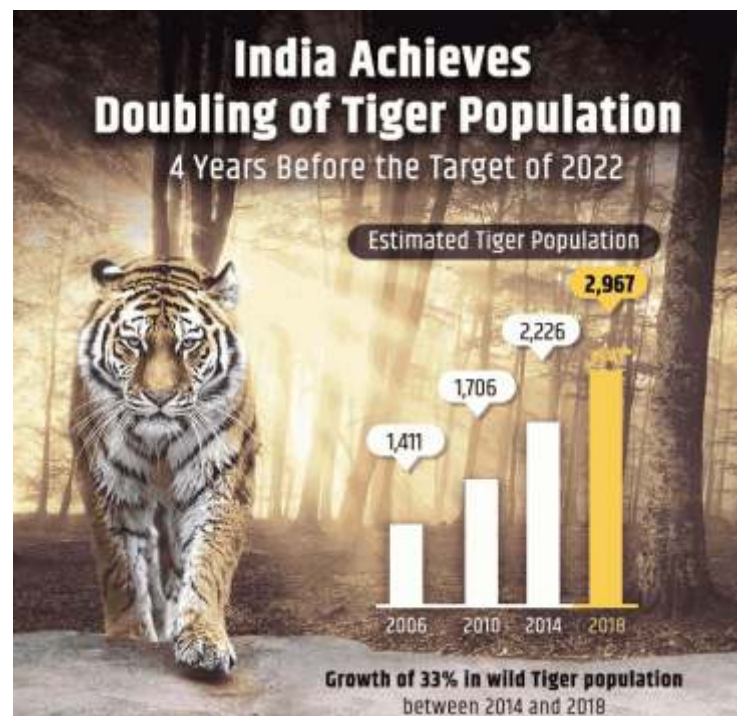


Strengthening the Judicial Apparatus

- Modi Government Increases the strength of judges in the Supreme Court from 30 to 33 in addition to the Chief Justice of India.
- The move aimed at cutting down the number of pending cases.

India becomes the biggest and most secure habitat for the Tiger

- In a landmark achievement, number of tigers in India has risen to 2967 in 2018.
- Increase of 33% the highest ever recorded.
- Increase in the “Protected Areas” in the country. In 2019, there are more than 860 protected areas, which were 692 in 2014.
- The “Community Reserves” have also grown from 43 in 2014 to more than 100 now.



Strict action against Terrorism: The Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Amendment Act, 2019

- Act allows to designate Individuals as terrorists and seize their property.
- Empower NIA to conduct raids anywhere without the relevant State government's prior permission.



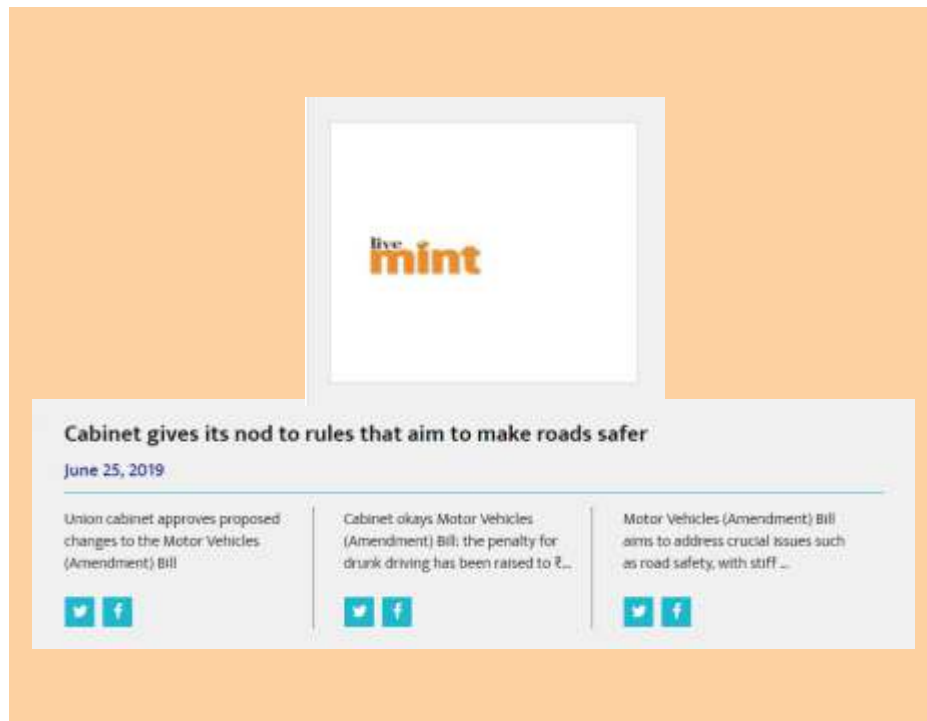
Remarkable jump to 52nd rank in Global Innovation Index 2019

- India jumps 5 places to rank 52nd on the [Global Innovation Index \(GII\) 2019](#).
- Jump of 29 places from 81 in 2015 to 52 in 2019 is the biggest jump by any major economy.



Modi Government Ensures Road Safety through Motor Vehicle (Amendment) Act 2019

- Motor Vehicle (Amendment) Act 2019, comes into force, paving the way for an efficient, safe and corruption free transport system in the country.
- Amended Act improves road safety, facilitate citizens in their dealings with transport departments, and strengthen rural transport, public transport and last mile connectivity through automation, computerization and online services.



Infrastructure and Investment Focus – Towards \$5 Trillion Economy

Fulfilling the Promises of Manifesto

- Modi Government has committed itself to make India a five trillion dollar economy.
- To spur investment and create new employment opportunities, PM Modi set up two Cabinet committees to deal with the two crucial issues respectively.
- Both the panels, the Investment and Growth panel and the Employment and Skill Development panel are headed by the Prime Minister himself.
- PM Modi also announced setting up of a high-powered Committee on structural reforms in the agriculture sector. The panel also includes some Chief Ministers to examine legislative changes required for reforms.



Boosting Investment

- Rs 100 lakh crores to be invested in next 5 years for infrastructure. A Committee will be set up to look into long term funding.
- Budget 2019 lays road map to make Railways the growth engine of the country – Rs 50 Lakh Crore to be invested by 2030.
- Government approves raising of Speed to 160 kmph on existing New Delhi - Mumbai Route (including Vadodara - Ahmedabad) at a total cost of Rs. 6,806 cr by 2022-23



- Government approves raising of speed to 160 kmph on existing New Delhi - Howrah Route (including Kanpur - Lucknow) at a total cost of Rs. 6,685 cr by 2022-23
- Approval to doubling of new Bongaigaon to Agthori via Tangoya railway line of 143 km with a cost of Rs. 2000 cr(approx).

- Approval for 3rd railway line between Allahabad and Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyay Junction (UP)- A 150 km line with Rs. 2650 cr of cost will be a big relief to remove congestion in the area.
- A new railway line for eastern Uttar Pradesh. Dohrighat - Sahjanwa, 81 km with a cost of Rs. 1320 cr.
- Under Mission Raftaar, 261 trains have been speeded up by upto 110 minutes over different Zonal Railways, providing a faster transit to the passengers.
- Whopping production of coaches. Modern Coach Factory, Raebareli manufactured 554 coaches in 4 months (April-July 2019), a 50% jump over the same period in 2018 (368 coaches in April-July 2018).
- The government will give further push to existing plans and schemes for better connectivity and infrastructure development in the country.
 - Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana
 - Industrial corridors
 - Dedicated freight corridors
 - Bharatmala
 - Sagarmala
 - Jal Marg Vikas
 - UDAN scheme

Major fillip to the Invest India Initiative (period June 1st- July 29th, 2019):

- Investment Targeting & Facilitation - 37 new companies added under active facilitation, with an actual investment of US \$ 1 billion. Indicated Investment of US \$ 6 billion under facilitation.
- Project Monitoring Group for fast tracking approvals has added 17 new projects. Anticipated investment of about Rs. 51,000 Crore.

Fast track development in Energy Sector

- Guidelines issued for Implementation of Pradhan Mantri Kisan Urja Suraksha Evam Utthan Mahabhiyan (PM KUSUM) Scheme. The Scheme aims at -
 - Setting up of 10,000 MW of Decentralized Ground/ Stilt Mounted Grid Connected Solar or other Renewable Energy based Power Plants;
 - Installation of 17.50 Lakh Stand-alone Solar Agriculture Pumps;
 - Solarisation of 10 Lakh Grid Connected Agriculture Pumps.



- Total installed Renewable Energy capacity of India crossed 80,000 MW mark on 30 June, 2019

Push to Electric mobility

- GST rate on electric vehicles (EVs) reduced to 5 per cent from 12 per cent making EVs affordable for consumers.
- GST on EV Chargers slashed from 18% to 5% making infrastructure for EV affordable.
- Hiring of Electric Buses by local authorities exempted from GST to promote use of EV for public transportation.
- A big initiative for Arunachal Pradesh - a multi-purpose 2,880 MW Hydroelectric project with flood moderation as key objective.

Smart City Mission

- In the last 75 days, 88 projects worth Rs 609 crore completed. 153 new projects worth Rs 2,778 crore tendered; 127 work orders worth Rs 4,086 have been issued.
- One City One Impact, a 100 Day Program launched. Each of the 100 smart cities proposed an initiative to be accomplished in 100 days concluding on 2 October 2019. 2.7 Crore people to benefit through the initiative



Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana



- 4.26 lakh houses to be constructed in urban areas with an investment of Rs. 23,400 cr and a central assistance of by 2021-22
- 1.95 Crore houses to be built in Gramin Areas for eligible beneficiaries

Long hands of the law reaching fugitives

- The Enforcement Directorate attached properties worth Rs 9,778 crore of Sterling Biotech. ED had registered a money laundering case against the SBL group, Sandesara brothers and others after a case of bank fraud of Rs 5,700 crore was filed against them by the CBI.
- Meanwhile, here is what the Antiguan PM said about fugitive fraudster Mehul Choksi: "His (Choksi) citizenship was processed; he got through but the reality is his citizenship will be revoked and he will be repatriated to India"

Boosting Business

- Corporate tax rate brought to 25% for companies with annual turnover up to Rs 400 crore. This threshold used to be Rs 250 crore earlier. This will cover 99.3% of all companies.
- Credit Guarantee Enhancement Corporation (CGEC) will be set up in 2019-20, to deepen markets for long-term bonds on infrastructure sector.
- The government is to expedite streamlining multiple labour laws into a set of four labour codes.
- Stand Up India' Scheme, to promote SC/ST entrepreneurs to start their own ventures, is to continue till 2025.

Strengthening Banking & Finance Sectors

- The government has proposed to allocate Rs 70,000 crore for Public Sector Banks (PSB) recapitalisation.
- Regulatory authority of RBI over Non-Banking Finance Corporations (NBFCs) to be strengthened and steps are to be taken to allow NBFCs to directly participate on TReDS platform.
- Interchangeability of PAN card and Aadhaar allowed for filing the Income Tax Returns.
- Strategic disinvestment of select Central Public Sector Enterprises will continue to be a priority. The strategic disinvestment of Air India will be re-initiated.

Amendments to IBC to strengthen it even more

- Several amendments to the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC) have been approved.
- The resolution time for NPAs brought to the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) has been fixed to 330 days including time spent in legal challenges.
- Allows corporate restructuring of NPAs like acquisitions, mergers and demergers where the CoC may decide upon taking haircuts to allow for a possible resolution.



Ease of Doing Business

Special Economic Zone (Amendment) Bill, 2019

- SEZ (Amendment) Bill 2019 passed by the Parliament, will enable any entity to set up a unit in SEZs, including Trusts. This would help boost investments and create new export and job opportunities.
- Investments proposed of USD 1.1 bn since ordinance was promulgated earlier this year.

Traders - Long pending demand fulfilled

- National Traders' Welfare Board established to understand the issues and problems faced by traders and employees in their day to day business operations and for their welfare.

Boost to Make in India in Government Procurement

- Progressive amendments to favour local suppliers - Procurement upto Rs 50 lakhs exclusively reserved for local suppliers (except in certain cases).
- Only local suppliers eligible to bid for procurement of items, where there is sufficient local capacity and local competition, irrespective of purchase value.
- Crackdown on harassment against domestic suppliers - Administrative action authorized against officers who are found responsible to include restrictive or discriminatory conditions against domestic suppliers in bid documents.



Government e-Marketplace (GeM) – transparent, efficient and inclusive public procurement platform.

- A new initiative to achieve 1,00,000 Crore target in current financial year for procurement of Goods & Services through GeM.

Merger of Council of Trade and Development and Board of Trade

- Common platform for addressing export related concerns, with a focus on addressing these on a priority basis.

Boost to Gem and Jewellery exporters - resolution of various issues

- Removal of the requirement of paying IGST on re-import of goods which were exported earlier for exhibition purpose/consignment basis
- Allowing partial discharge of bonds executed by nominated agencies/banks for import of gold to be supplied to jewellery exporters, thereby enabling nominated agencies/banks to release bank guarantee of jewellery exporters who have fulfilled their export obligation. Helps in release of blocked working capital.

Enhanced revenues and better airports via leasing out of airports

- The Modi government in order to improve investment, efficiency and delivery has decided to lease out three airports - Ahmedabad, Lucknow and Mangaluru of Airports Authority of India through PPP model.
- This will also result in enhanced revenues to the AAI.



Tourism

- The government is developing 17 iconic tourism sites as world-class tourist centers to improve the flow of domestic and foreign tourists to these destinations.
- 10 historical Monuments across the country will remain open till 9 pm for common public.
- Nepali and Santhali languages included in the Scheme for grant of Senior/Junior Fellowships of Culture Ministry.

Marching Ahead From Day One! Revolutionary Reforms In Education Sector

First government decision dedicated to those who protect India

- The first decision of the Modi 2.0 government showed where its priorities are – with those who sacrifice their lives to protect us
- Major changes were approved in the 'Prime Minister's Scholarship Scheme' under the National Defence Fund. The rates of scholarship were increased substantially.
- Moreover, the ambit of the scholarship scheme was extended to the children of state police officials who were martyred during terror attacks or naxal attacks.



Modi Government brings in National Medical Council Act 2019 Aims at overhauling of Medical Education

- National Medical Council Act aims to reduce the burden on students, bring down costs of medical education, simplify procedures, help to enhance the number of medical seats in India, ensure quality education, and provide wider access to people for quality healthcare.
- The move will ensure transparency, accountability and quality in the governance of medical education in the country.
- On a related note, the academic year 2019-20 witnesses the biggest addition of medical seats in government colleges in a single year. 2,750 seats in 25 new government medical colleges added.

Central Educational Institutions (Reservation in Teachers' Cadre) Bill, 2019 passed by Parliament

- The Bill considers the University/College as one unit restoring the earlier reservation system based on 200-point roster.
- Decision is expected to improve the teaching standards in the higher educational institutions by attracting all eligible talented candidates belonging to SCs/STs/SEBCs/EWS categories.

Making Higher Education Reachable: 2 New Central Universities in Andhra Pradesh

- Central Universities (Amendment) Bill, 2019 passed by Lok Sabha seeks to establish two new universities in Andhra Pradesh - the Central University of Andhra Pradesh and the Central Tribal University of Andhra Pradesh.

‘Institution of National Importance’ status to 4 NIDs

- Act seeks to confer Institute of National Importance status to the four new National Institutes of Design(NID)
- The four new NIDs at Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Assam and Haryana will be declared as Institutions of National Importance.



Boost to Education & Sports

- National Sports Education Board (NSEB) for development of sportspersons to be set up under Khelo India.
- Everest Massif Expedition and Climbathon 2019 being organized by Indian Mountaineering Foundation, New Delhi, to promote adventure among youth.
- To make India a hub of higher education, government proposes 'Study in India' to bring in foreign students to pursue education here
- National Research Foundation (NRF) to be set up to strengthen overall research ecosystem in the country, integrating funds available under all Ministries.

Inching Towards the Edge of Discovery

Historic Moment for India- Chandrayaan 2 launched on 22 July

- Chandrayaan 2 Inching towards the edge of discovery
- India's Chandrayaan 2 will be the first lunar mission to reach Moon's South Pole.
- 1st Indian expedition to attempt a soft landing on the lunar surface with home-grown technology
- The GSLV Mk-III is India's most powerful launcher to date, and has been completely designed and fabricated from within the country.
- Chandrayaan 2 will propel India to an elite list of four nations that have pulled off a soft-landing on the moon.
- Chandrayaan 2 shall increase our understanding of space and inspire a future generation of explorers and scientists.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that the two "Greatest Lessons" he learnt from the Chandrayaan-II mission are "Faith and Fearlessness".



Security and Defence Sectors

Greater benefits for brave CAPF personnel

- Modi Government grants organised cadre status to Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF) officers. This makes them eligible for several benefits, including Non-Functional Financial Upgradation (NFFU).
- The move benefits thousands of serving officers and many others who have retired since 2006 from the five primary CAPFs or paramilitary forces — CRPF, BSF, CISF, ITBP and SSB.
- The officers will now get better deputation chances as they will be eligible to get empanelled under the central staffing scheme, get enhanced facilities of transportation, house rent allowance, travelling and dearness allowance.

Defence-Technological Advancement and Welfare of Defence Personnel

- Defence Research Development Organisation (DRDO) successfully flight-tested its state-of-the-art Quick Reaction Surface-to-Air Missiles (QRSAM) against live aerial targets from Integrated Test Range (ITR), Chandipur on August 4, 2019.
- Restoration of the 'Ration in Kind' for the officers of the three Armed Forces posted in peace areas announced on June 18, 2019. Now all officers of the Armed Forces including those in Peace Stations will be getting ration.

Organized Group 'A' Status to Railway Protection Force

- The grant of Organised Group 'A' status to Indian Railway Protection Force (RPF) was approved.
- The grant of status of Organized Group 'A' service to RPF will improve career progression of the eligible officers.
- Improving career progression of the officers keeps up their motivational level.
- This also ensures consequential benefits of Non-Functional Financial Upgradation (NFFU) as well



**Modi
Government's
Work Wins
Global Praise**

India becoming more and more Swachh says the world!

- The Swachh Bharat initiative of the Modi government has led to a reduction in the contamination of groundwater, a UNICEF study observed.
- Villages that were open defecation-free saw lesser fecal contamination, lesser groundwater contamination, lesser soil pollution, lesser food contamination and lesser drinking water contamination.
- The study notes the impact of Swachh Bharat thus: between 2000 and 2014, open defecation decreased by almost three percentage points per year, while from 2015-2019 it came down by of over 12 percentage points per year!



Beti Bachao Beti Padhao – Mass Movement with Massive Impact

- The all-India sex ratio at birth went up by points, from 923 in 2015-16 to 931 girls per 1,000 boys till March 2019
- Haryana showed an improvement from 887 girls per 1,000 boys in 2015-16 to 914 in 2018-19

Modi government's rural road push wins global praise

- Coming to the impact of Modi government's infrastructure focus, according to a World Bank report, improved road connectivity in India triggered a shift from farm to non-farm employment and women stepped out of the house to take care of their farms.
- The World Bank report has hailed PM Gram Sadak Yojana, says it improved mobility, increased access to economic opportunities and boosted attendance of children in schools.
- It also says the number of babies delivered at home has come down, a major improvement in the health sector.

India Leading The Global Narrative

75 days of Modi-2.0 and Foreign Policy

- The first 75 days of his second term was a busy period for the Prime Minister.
- PM Modi invited BIMSTEC leaders and Chair of the SCO to the oath-taking ceremony.
- Historic visit to Maldives: PM Modi addressed the Majlis, received the highest civilian award for foreigners, the Order of Nishan Izzuddeen.



Visit to Sri Lanka:

- PM Modi showed solidarity with an important maritime neighbor. His visit to the Shrine of St. Anthony attacked in the Easter bombings was the first by any world leader.
- PM Modi engaged with full spectrum of Sri Lanka's leadership - President Sirisena, PM Wickremesinghe, former President Rajapaksa and Tamil parties

SCO Summit in Kyrgyzstan:

- PM Modi engaged with SCO nations and pursued a strong line against terror.
- There was also a bilateral component in Kyrgyzstan where PM Modi had talks with President Jeenbekov.
- At home, PM Modi welcomed US Secretary of State, Mike Pompeo, and articulated India's stand on trade, terror and other issues.
- G-20 Summit in Japan saw wide scale engagement of PM Modi with all top world leaders.
- Yoga Day was observed with great gusto all over the world on 21st June.
- The International Court of Justice delivered an extremely favourable verdict in the Kulbhushan Jadhav case.

Yoga Day – India's International Soft Power Display

- As seen in the past few years, the International Yoga Day was celebrated with great fervor across the world by over 170 countries. India benefited in soft power terms with its culture going global.
- This time, PM Modi also announced the Prime Minister's Awards for Outstanding Contribution for Promotion and Development of Yoga -2019.
- Of the four recipients, one was an Italian lady and another was a Japanese cultural organisation.



Paradigm shift with Maldives and India's friendship

- PM Modi, even within just a month of government formation, has notched up a major foreign policy triumph in the neighbourhood.
- His visit to Maldives, the grand reception and the subsequent developments show that PM Modi is undoing the policy blunders of UPA.
- Maldives honoured PM Modi with their highest award.
- And according to media reports, Maldives is also on the verge of scrapping a maritime deal with China, tilting the balance of the region in favour of India – a major shift



With neighbours, in their pain as well

- Showing his commitment to the Neighbourhood First approach to foreign policy, PM Modi became the first world leader to travel to Sri Lanka after the horrific Easter terror attacks



PM Modi becomes first world leader to visit Colombo church, pays homage to victims of Easter terror attacks in Sri Lanka

Prime Minister Narendra Modi made an unscheduled visit to the St Anthony's church to pay tributes to the victims of the horrific Easter Sunday terrorist attack that killed 258 people, including 11 Indians.

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India-backed ambulance service in Sri Lanka expanded, now available across all provinces

The last phase of the project was launched in Ampara in the Eastern Province of Sri Lanka.

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'Together with you- come rain or shine': Sri Lankan President offers to hold umbrella for PM Modi

Setting the narrative at the SCO Summit

- PM Modi left an impact on the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation summit when he spoke out against terrorism and sought to build a global consensus around it.
- He raised the issue of state-sponsored terrorism at the SCO Summit in Bishkek and said that countries sponsoring, aiding and funding terrorism must be held accountable as he called for a global conference to combat the menace.
- Everyone knew this was about Pakistan and being present there, it was a matter of shame for Imran Khan.



**PM Modi At
The G 20 –
Wide Outreach,
Futuristic
Outcomes**

The scale of engagement

- PM Modi attended four G20 sessions, had 9 bilateral meetings, 8 pull-aside meetings, 2 trilateral meetings (Japan-India-America and Russia-India-China) and 1 meeting of BRICS leaders.
- PM Modi had one of the highest bilateral and pull-aside meetings among world leaders at the G20. This is indicative of India's rise at the world stage.
- He also attended a massive community programme in Kobe. Overall, PM Modi participated in 25 programmes in 2 days

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Issues raised by PM Modi resonate with the world

- PM Modi spoke at a G20 session on healthcare, highlighted India's traditional healing forms and Ayushman Bharat, world's largest health programme.
- He also called for an international combined effort on disaster management.
- PM Modi highlighted the need of gender equality, spoke about technology and the need to ensure societies embrace technology for human progress.
- During the G 20 Summit at Brisbane in 2014, PM Modi had raised the issue of black money, and how there is a need for the global community to eliminate it. The issue found resonance, even making its way in the G-20 communique. Since then, it has been a part of the global agenda.
- In the G 20 Summit in 2019, PM Modi made a strong pitch for a combined strategy on coming down on fugitive economic offenders.
- From 2014 to 2019, it is clear that PM Modi is championing the cause of a corruption-free world where the honest tax payer and the honest businessmen are protected instead of a select few who regularly default and indulge in unethical business practices.
- PM Modi, however, did not join deliberations on the Osaka Track, keeping in mind India's interests. The Osaka Track on data free flow and e-commerce was one of PM Abe's pet agendas for the Osaka G-20.

PM makes strong pitch for crushing terrorism

- Be it the G20, BRICS or SCO, PM Modi has been leading the global narrative against terror. The Osaka G20 was no different.
- PM Modi also told UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres to take the lead in holding a conference on the issue of terrorism and assured full support.



India and USA – a productive engagement

- There was immense media scrutiny on PM Modi's meeting with President Donald Trump.
- The Modi-Trump bilateral was a smooth and productive one. Both leaders had frank discussions on multiple aspects, like 5G, trade, Iran and security ties.
- In addition to the scheduled bilateral meeting, PM Modi and President Trump had multiple informal but warm chats in the Leader's Lounge, on the sidelines of the various sessions and during the dinner for G-20 leaders.
- Those attending the G-20 leaders' dinner saw that PM Modi had a busy evening, with Australian PM Scott Morrison on one side and President Trump on the other.



Clear Intentions
Decisive Actions



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Modi, great reformer: Enactment of triple talaq bill by India's Parliament corrects a historic wrong

Sh. Amit Shah

Some dates stand out in history. In the annals of India's parliamentary history July 30, 2019, represents one such day. The passage of the historic triple talaq bill in Parliament's Upper House is not just about enactment of one more law. It is about correcting a historical wrong. It is about restoring honour and dignity to Muslim women. It is about establishing gender equality.

The bill's passage shows the Modi government's commitment to walk the talk on social reforms with a steadfast focus, despite resistance from opposition. It provides statutory shield to Muslim women who have

been silently bearing the brunt of an utterly sinful practice.

A careful reading of the events during the bill's passage in the Rajya Sabha, as well as those outside Parliament, reveal some important pointers. For one, it brought out the Modi government's relentless efforts to accord social dignity, respect and honour to



women in India. Equally importantly, it also completely exposed the duplicitous intent of the Congress party, which has all along

treated minorities as a vote bank, perpetuating a deep-rooted inequality that cared little about women's self-respect.

Another interesting facet that has emerged is Congress's diminishing ability to rally other parties around its partisan obduracy. When a government remains dedicated to the cause of public and social welfare, which is the case with the Narendra Modi government, it is only natural for other parties to support it.

The support the triple talaq bill has received from non-NDA parties is welcome. We also appeal to all parties to rise above political differences and offer non-partisan support to such issues that are critical for India to progress as a nation and society.

It is important to analyse Congress's role on triple talaq through the prism of India's recent political history. Congress, which had more than 400 MPs in the Lok Sabha three decades ago, had a great opportunity to change the historical wrong to Muslim women in the Shah Bano case. In 1985, the Supreme Court had ruled in favour of triple talaq victim Shah Bano, made her entitled to an allowance of Rs 500 per month, and had said that the order was in conformity with the Sharia law. However, instead of implementing it, Congress led by then Prime Minister Rajiv

Gandhi succumbed to pressure from clerics represented by Muslim personal board and the lure of vote bank politics and enacted a law to nullify the court's order.

The capitulation appalled even the left-leaning legal luminary, former SC judge Justice VR Krishna Iyer. Arif Mohammed Khan, a minister in the then Congress government who had termed the court decision as fair, resigned in protest against the government's decision. Rajiv Gandhi had made Khan believe that he would implement the progressive SC verdict.

The issue had since remained in cold storage for years, and when the Modi government brought it up, there was no change in the Congress's malicious ambivalence. Congress's double standards and divisive politics that existed 30 years ago were on vivid display as it tried subterfuges to thwart the attempt to right the wrong committed by Rajiv Gandhi. The obstructionism only reflected core character that perpetuates appeasement and vote bank politics. The law banning triple talaq marks a huge blow to such politics.

This bill has also thoroughly exposed the so-called liberals in India. Many of these "liberals" who proclaim themselves to be champions of gender justice were conspicuously silent or employed ruses to oppose a bill that sought to empower Muslim

women. The duplicity has exposed that these self-styled liberals are driven by narrow partisan politics instead of humanitarian values.

Importantly, those who question the need to have such a law forget that hundreds of cases of the atrocity that triple talaq was, had been reported after January 2017 when SC outlawed the practice. The brazenness necessitated a strict law to clamp down on the unjust practice. That the law is not against Islam is borne out by the fact that 19 countries including Pakistan, Iran, Iraq and Syria have banned instant oral divorce.

We need to understand that women who fought a long battle against triple talaq didn't have any political motive. They were normal women who showed extreme courage to fight against injustices they were subjected to. They were determined to put an end to this practice and finally won the battle in the country's highest court. By legislating a triple talaq law our government has given a statutory backing to their battle. After all, lawmakers and political parties are duty bound to give voice and right direction to such fights.

Opposition's argument questioning the need for law applicable only to Muslim society is also baseless. Independent India has seen enactment of laws aimed at reforming entrenched practices in other

communities. Hindu Marriage Act, Christian Marriage Act,

and laws to ban child marriage and dowry are examples of such interventions.

Those engaging in opportunistic, narrow political arguments refuse to acknowledge these. Those who question making triple talaq a criminal offence conveniently ignore that several other practices related to Hindu society are considered criminal offence and attract severe punishment.

The Narendra Modi government deserves credit for enacting a law to ban triple talaq. I am sure Modiji will now go down in history as a social reformer in the league of Raja Rammohan Roy and Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar, who waged struggles to improve the lot of women.

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For Naya Kashmir

Manish Sabharwal

Kashmiris have been let down by a politics that doesn't create economic opportunity.

Economist Albert Hirschman's book, *Passions and Interests*, is a wonderful meditation on how interests (jobs, skills, enterprises, assets, income, growth) blunt passions. As somebody born in Jammu and Kashmir, I am sad that today's youth there don't have memories of the wonderful place it was to grow up in before 1989. As somebody who went to school in the Valley, I got a great education and strong foundations. As somebody who made pre-exam visits to sufi shrines like Aishmuqam, Makhdoom Sahib, and Baba Reshi, I know that the Wahabi intolerance is alien, recent and fragile. As somebody who is a first generation post-reform entrepreneur, **I am anguished by the notion that Pakistan — whose GDP is lower than Maharashtra and recently made its 22nd trip to the IMF — has anything to offer anybody in the Valley.**

But as somebody who works for a people supply-chain company that has hired someone every five minutes for the last decade, I despair at J&K's economic infancy. I would like to make the case that Kashmiris should spend the next decade creating the economic complexity that blunts passions by creating interests.

A recent conference at Harvard's Centre for International Development offers context. Professor Ricardo Hausmann suggested that the only predictor of sustained economic success is economic complexity, and development was like a game of scrabble; the more letters you have, not only can you make more words, but you can make longer words. Vowels are provided by the government. So development is about creating new letters and vowels. Hausmann believes that new letters in the private sector come from migration, diaspora, venture capital, inbound investment, skills, studying overseas, business travel. Professor James Robinson suggested that inclusive economic systems need vowels from inclusive political systems that distribute political power broadly rather than concentrate, monopolise or hoard it.

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Kashmir is an economic infant with low economic complexity. There is no wage premium in handicrafts; carpet weavers get Rs 150 a day while construction labour costs Rs 600 per day (and comes from outside the state). There are only 200 dental and 600 medical doctor seats in the whole state. Less than five per cent of fruits and nuts are processed. Fifty per cent of the state's 50,000 graduates go onto do a masters degree, only to stay out of the labour market. The fiscal deficit is more than twice the prescribed ratio and government debt is 50 per cent of GDP. Private Credit to GDP is less than Bihar and the J&K Bank is a shame. Private investment last year was less than Rs 1,000 crore. More than 30 per cent of families directly work for the government. Land costs as much as in Gurugram. The state accounts for less than 0.7 per cent of India's GDP. There is only one listed company and only one company with a paid up capital of Rs10 crore. Their 28 employment exchanges cost almost Rs 50 crore a year to run and have given few jobs to anybody in a decade. There is no employer in the Kashmir Valley who pays provident fund and no private employer with more than 500 formal employees; hardly fertile soil for economic vibrancy.

The solution is not easy but obvious; a 10-year strategy for education, employment and employability that leverages India's economic complexity. Kashmir needs a new

skill university that spreads higher education with employability. We should convert Hari Niwas into a world class hotel management institute in partnership with ITE Singapore or EHL Lausanne. We must double the direct flights and directly connect Srinagar to Jammu and Delhi with a three-hour and 12-hour train. We need revamped employment exchanges that operate a digital jkrozgar.com that offers job matching, assessments, apprentices, and online degrees. We must temporarily suspend our justified fear of economic planning and commit massive funds to infrastructure and cluster creation. We need a massive design and distribution mission for handicrafts and fruits that raises the realisation of actual producers. Most importantly, we must get the huge, skilled, and motivated Kashmiri diaspora to return and reduce informal self-employment by creating more formal wage employment.

Historians warn against "presentism" and Kashmir's history is too long and complex to belong to any party, community, individual or religion. But it would be foolish to deny that Kashmir's last few maharajas were distracted and disinterested in development. Monarchies or hereditary leadership are ineffective because they think of citizens or voters as a necessary evil that must be

tolerated, possibly patronised, but certainly ignored. Naya Kashmir — a memorandum that Sheikh Abdullah submitted to Maharaja Hari Singh in 1944 — outlined a plan to convert J&K from an absolute monarchy to a constitutional democracy, called for universal franchise, freedom of expression and press, ability of women to work in all trades and professions, and a detailed economic plan. Much of what he sought is enshrined in our Constitution but his vision of social justice, economic progress and poverty reduction — which he couldn't achieve in his lifetime — is highly relevant for Kashmir today.

Another Albert Hirschman book, Exit, Voice, and Loyalty, synthesised three choices that confront citizens; leave, speak up, or capitulate. Most Kashmiri elites have economically diversified away from the Valley but the masses can't exit and have lost their voices because of Kashmir's economic infancy and oligopolistic democracy. Political royalty over the last few decades have ensured that Kashmiri democracy lived up to Iqbal's warning that "Jamhuriyat ik tarz-e-hukumat hai ki jis mein bandon ko gina karte hain taula nahin karte" (democracy is a system where people are counted but not weighed). The grandiloquence of political royalty about the threats to civilisation sound like scorn for the more prosaic concerns of Kashmiri

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youth who are more skilled, entrepreneurial, and aspirational than the past generations. India and J&K are tremendously and permanently intertwined. When one does well, the other does well. And when we both do well, we are unstoppable. Time for Sheikh Sahib's dream of Naya Kashmir.



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Modi's four initiatives make Indian e-commerce world's fastest growing; set to grow 8-fold by 2026

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Several of Narendra Modi-led BJP government's initiatives are providing a fillip to the growth of the Indian e-commerce industry. While Indian e-commerce is growing at a stellar rate and is the fastest growing online business industry in the world, initiatives such as **Digital India**, **Skill India**, **Startup India** and **Make in India** are also contributing to the growth of the online trade, CARE Rating said in a report. The industry has witnessed an annual growth rate of 51%, which is the highest globally, and from \$24 billion in 2018, the industry is expected to touch \$200 billion by 2026; over eightfold growth in eight years, according to ASSOCHAM-Forrester study paper as well Retail Association of India (RAI).

Indian e-commerce is also flourishing on the back of higher internet penetration,

increasing quality of internet in the country, advancements in payments and computing on mobility platforms, changing consumer behavior and shopping patterns and the availability of products priced at lower rates on e-commerce platforms. "E-commerce is probably creating the biggest revolution in the retail industry, and this trend will continue in the years to come," the CARE Ratings report said.

Early this year, the government had amended FDI (Foreign Direct Investment) policy in e-commerce for all the entities operating as e-commerce marketplace. Effective from February 1, 2019, the policy changes provide clarity and strengthen the regulatory framework governing FDI in e-commerce marketplace entities in India and also sought to provide a level playing field among online and offline traders. This came in the light of traditional retailers accusing e-commerce entities of distorting market place by predatory pricing and unfair trade practices. It was expected that the tightened norms will considerably affect e-commerce business in India.

In India, the share of electronics and accessories sales is the highest on e-

commerce platforms with over 40% sales happening in these two categories. Lifestyle and apparel is another leading category with over 25% sales. Home & Living account for 5%, food and grocery for 2-3% and other category sales are about 20-30%, according to the report. Currently, the Indian e-commerce landscape is dominated by players such as Jeff Bezos' Amazon and Walmart acquired Flipkart.



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Indian Railways passengers will love this! Soon, stream free high-quality movies, videos on trains, stations

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Indian Railways to provide aircraft-style entertainment! Soon rail passengers will be able to enjoy movies, entertainment and much more on Indian Railways trains and stations.

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Soon rail passengers will be able to enjoy movies, entertainment and much more on Indian Railways trains and stations. Piyush Goyal-led Railway Ministry has chosen RailTel, a miniratna under the national transporter, to implement this project aimed at providing free content on-demand to

passengers. A railway official told Financial Express Online that a Request for Proposal (RFP) will be issued by RailTel within the first few days of August. The free app will allow Indian Railways passengers to stream movies, news and other entertainment-related content on their personal devices.



"RailTel will provide preloaded multilingual content; movies, music videos, general entertainment including TV serials and devotional programmes, lifestyle-related etc in moving trains. In case of trains, to ensure buffer-free services, media servers will be placed," said the railway official quoted above. "Passengers will be able to enjoy high-quality buffer-free streaming across

personal devices and the content will be periodically refreshed," the official added.

To begin with, the pilot project will involve the provision of the preloaded content on Indian Railways stations that already offer RailTel's free high-speed WiFi service. As Indian Railways completes its ambitious plan to enable WiFi on over 4,000 more stations this year, content on-demand app would be available on these as well and eventually trains!



Indian Railways experimented with aircraft-style on-board infotainment in trains like Tejas Express and Anubhuti coaches for the Shatabdi Express. However, passengers damaged the personalised screens and stole headphones on the inaugural run of the Mumbai-Goa Tejas Express itself. The national transporter has now decided that the use of passengers' personal devices would be a more viable option, especially for long-distance sleeper trains where personalised screens are more difficult to

install.

While the preloaded content made available to passengers would be free, Indian Railways hopes to earn revenue from advertisements that can be displayed on the landing pages and in pre-rolls of videos. The initiative is a step in the direction of earning non-fare revenue. The project has been in the works for some time now. Initially, RailTel was supposed to execute it, but the Railway Board tasked the zonal railways to implement it. However, that failed to take off and now RailTel has been roped in again.



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

The Parliament, in its first session after the Lok Sabha elections, passed not only landmark bills like repealing of Article 370, geographical reorganisation of Jammu and Kashmir, Triple Talaq Bill, new Motor Vehicle Amendment Bill, but also created the record for maximum Bills passed in the last 67 years.

Lok Sabha passed 36 Bills, out of which, in seven cases, there was recorded voting (21 per cent) at some point during the discussion. This is higher than the 16th Lok Sabha, in which, recorded voting was called for 8 per cent of the Bills.

In the first Budget session after the newly elected Modi government took charge, Lok Sabha worked for 281 hours, which is 135 per cent of the scheduled hours. It is higher than any other session in the past 20 years.

The session was extended by the Centre in order to complete legislative business.

Additionally, Lok Sabha spent 46 per cent of its time on legislative business, according to PRS Legislative. The corresponding figure for Rajya Sabha is 51 per cent.

Thirty eight Bills were introduced in the Parliament during the session. Twenty eight of these were passed by both Houses, the highest for any session in the last 10 years. None of the Bills introduced in this session were referred to any committee.

Out of 28 Bills passed by the Parliament, five had been scrutinised by committees in some form during the period of the previous Lok Sabha. A total of 36 per cent of questions were answered orally in the Lok Sabha; the highest in the last 20 years. Question Hour functioned for 95 per cent of its scheduled time in the Lok Sabha and 65 per cent in the Rajya Sabha during this session.

Ninety four per cent first-term MPs participated in a debate during the session; 96 per cent women MPs participated.

