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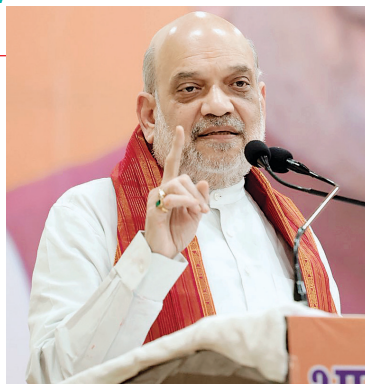
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The Growing Role of NCEL in Global Exports



Cooperatives are the backbone of economic transformation in India's rural landscape. The rapid expansion and development of the cooperative sector have opened new avenues for holistic rural growth.

Under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, the formation of the Ministry of Cooperation marked a new chapter in realizing his vision of "Sahakar Se Samridhi". The Ministry has undertaken over a hundred significant reforms and initiatives, among which the establishment of National Cooperative Exports Limited (NCEL) as the apex organization to promote cooperative exports is a landmark step.

Under the guidance of Union Home and Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah, the Ministry of Cooperation has entrusted NCEL—a multi-state cooperative—with the responsibility of accelerating exports across the entire cooperative sector and ensuring that cooperative societies gain access to global markets. Through this institution, Indian farmers and cooperatives are now benefiting from better export opportunities for agricultural, horticultural, dairy, poultry, livestock, and fishery products, as well as sugar, spices, organic goods, fertilizers, handloom and handicraft items, textiles, tea and coffee, minor forest produce, ayurvedic and herbal medicines, processed food, and leather products. This growing participation in global trade is paving the way for the prosperity of millions of farmers and strengthening India's cooperative movement on the world stage.

By August 2025, NCEL had achieved a business turnover of ₹5,403.01 crore through the export of 13.49 lakh tonnes of agricultural commodities, including rice, fresh red onions, sugar, baby food, processed foods, spices, and tea. During this period, 11,034 cooperative societies had become members of NCEL, of which 10,793 are Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS) along with other cooperative organizations.

As a specialized institution, NCEL is working towards maximizing farmers' benefits by addressing key challenges in the export ecosystem such as stiff global competition, market monopolies, corruption, inadequate infrastructure, and lack of standardization. This initiative is ensuring better incomes for farmers associated with cooperatives while expanding the role of the cooperative sector in building a new and developed India.

NCEL's growing contribution is not only strengthening the foundation for a brighter future for Indian farmers but also enhancing the global presence and influence of India's cooperative movement. ♦♦♦

Jai Sahakar



The welfare of our farmers, who play a vital role in building Viksit Bharat, is among our government's top priorities. We are leaving no stone unturned to ensure the welfare of our farmer brothers and sisters across the country. In this regard, our government has approved the "Mission for Self-Reliance in Pulses." This historic initiative will not only boost pulse production but also strengthen our resolve for self-reliance. A decision has been taken to increase the MSP for Rabi crops. This will further strengthen our food security and also benefit our farmer brothers and sisters.

Shri Narendra Modi
Prime Minister of India



The dairy sector is a powerful source of prosperity and nutrition for farmers, strengthening the rural economy. Under Shri Modi's leadership, the country's dairy sector has become a symbol of self-reliance. Whether it's the commitment to establish cooperative societies in every Panchayat, White Revolution 2.0, or policy initiatives, India's dairy sector has become one of the fastest-growing sectors in the world under the Modi government. The country is also rapidly progressing towards self-reliance in the construction of dairy plants. White Revolution 2.0 is opening the way to prosperity for farmers.

Shri Amit Shah
Union Minister for
Home and Cooperation



The Pradhan Mantri Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana is not only a means to increase farmers' income and productivity, but will also play a crucial role in strengthening the rural economy, promoting value addition, and adopting modern agricultural practices. This scheme guides farmers to become not only producers but also empowered entrepreneurs and self-reliant citizens. The government's resolve is: "Prosperous Farmers, Prosperous India."

Shri Krishan Pal Gurjar
Union Minister of State, Ministry
of Cooperation, Gol



The distribution of deep-sea fishing vessels, aimed at empowering fisheries cooperatives, will usher in a new era in the marine fisheries sector by empowering the country's fisheries cooperatives. This scheme is crucial for ensuring the sustainable use of the ocean's deep-sea resources and the economic development of coastal areas.

Shri Murlidhar Mohol
Union Minister of State, Ministry
of Cooperation, Gol



Bharatiya Beej Sahakari Samiti Ltd (BBSSL), established by the Ministry of Cooperation, is empowering farmers' economic prosperity by providing them timely access to high-quality seeds under the "Bharat Seeds" brand name. The improved seed varieties developed by the organization have not only increased farmers' yields but also led to unprecedented growth in their incomes. India is moving towards becoming self-sufficient in the production of pulses and oilseeds.

Ministry of Cooperation,
Government of India



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Prime Minister
Shri Narendra
Modi has
revitalized India's
rural economy

by establishing the Ministry of Cooperation. The doubts that once surrounded the future of the cooperative sector in India have been completely dispelled in the past four years. It is a matter of pride that the cooperative sector is emerging as one of the strong pillars of the nation's economic growth.

Highlighting the achievements of the cooperative sector, Union Minister for Home and Cooperation Shri Amit Shah inaugurated the country's first cooperative multi-feed compressed biogas (CBG) plant in Kopargaon, Ahilyanagar district of Maharashtra. He said that for the first time in the history of India's cooperative sugar industry,

- ✦ The first cooperative compressed biogas (CBG) plant will produce 12 tonnes of CBG and 75 tonnes of potash per day
- ✦ Cooperative sugar mills are being encouraged to adopt multi-dimensional and multi-feed ethanol production models to ensure year-round operations beyond the crushing season

a compressed biogas plant and potash granule manufacturing unit have been launched at the Maharshi Shankarrao Kolhe Cooperative Sugar Factory. Under this initiative, the Government of India, with the assistance of the National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC), will help set up similar plants in 15 selected sugar mills across the country. This landmark step will open a new chapter for cooperative sugar

mills nationwide, paving the way for sustainable, multi-dimensional growth in the cooperative sugar sector.

An investment of about ₹55 crore has been made in India's first cooperative compressed biogas (CBG) plant. The plant will produce 12 tonnes of CBG and 75 tonnes of potash daily from molasses. Shri Amit Shah stated that India currently imports both these products, and this new initiative

marks a significant step toward ending such imports and achieving self-reliance under the vision of Atmanirbhar Bharat. He further said that the Maharshi Shankarrao Kolhe Cooperative Sugar Factory has now become an ideal example of a circular economy.

Emphasis on Making Ethanol Plants Multidimensional

Emphasizing the need to make ethanol plants multidimensional, Shri Amit Shah said that while the cooperative sugar factories began in Maharashtra, now the state is also leading the way in fully implementing the circular economy model in the sugar industry. He assured that the Government of India will extend full cooperation to the state in this effort. Inspiring others, Shri Shah remarked that the example set by the Maharshi Shankarrao Kolhe Cooperative Sugar Factory should serve as a model for all sugar mills in Maharashtra, helping them achieve greater efficiency and profitability in the coming days. He highlighted that India's first cane-based ethanol plant was also established here. Urging sugar factories to venture into fruit processing, Shri Shah said this will not only promote fruit cultivation but also enhance the profitability of sugar mills, thereby strengthening the cooperative sector's contribution to the rural economy.

Modi Government Dedicated to the Welfare of Farmers

Shri Amit Shah said that the Modi Government is deeply committed to the welfare of India's farmers. Under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, the Union Cabinet recently launched the 'Pulses Self-Reliance Mission', with an investment of ₹11,440 crore over the next six years to make India self-sufficient in the production of pulses. Assuring farmers, Shri Shah said that



A Call to Embrace Swadeshi

Shri Amit Shah said that Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has urged all citizens of the country to adopt and promote the use of indigenous (Swadeshi) products. He emphasized that if all 140 crore Indians, including traders and businesses, take a pledge neither to use nor to trade in foreign goods, the purchase of Indian-made products will give unprecedented momentum to the nation's economy.

Shri Shah highlighted that under Prime Minister Modi's leadership, India's economy has risen from the 11th to the 4th largest in the world, and the country now stands on the threshold of becoming the third-largest global economy. He asserted that to achieve the top position in the world, there is no alternative to adopting Swadeshi. Shri Shah appealed to every citizen of the nation to wholeheartedly embrace and promote indigenous products.

the Government of India will procure the entire crop of tur (arhar), urad, and masoor (lentils) from farmers registered with the National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India (NAFED) and the National Cooperative Consumers' Federation of India (NCCF) at the Minimum Support Price (MSP). This initiative will benefit farmers not only in Maharashtra but across the entire country.

He stated that the government will purchase pulses from two crore farmers at 100% MSP. Alongside this, 1,000 processing units will be established, and 88

lakh high-quality seed kits will be distributed. Shri Shah further highlighted that in the most recent Cabinet meeting chaired by Prime Minister Modi, the MSP of masoor was increased by ₹300 per quintal, mustard by ₹250, gram (chana) by ₹225, barley by ₹170, and wheat by ₹160 per quintal. He added that over the past 11 years, the Modi Government has raised the MSP of jowar and bajra by two-and-a-half times and that of tur (arhar), moong, soybean, and cotton by two times—reflecting the government's unwavering commitment to farmers' prosperity. ♦♦♦

Modi Government Empowering Cooperative Sugar Mills for Farmers' Welfare: Shri Amit Shah

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nder the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, India's

cooperative sector is witnessing rapid progress. The number of cooperative sugar mills has increased by 67, sugar production has risen by 1 million tonnes, distilleries have doubled, ethanol production capacity has grown fivefold, and ethanol supply has increased tenfold. Moreover, ethanol blending in petrol has reached 20 %, marking a major milestone in India's renewable energy efforts. These achievements were highlighted by Union Minister for Home and Cooperation Shri Amit Shah during the unveiling of the statues of Padma Shri Dr. Vitthalrao Vikhe Patil and Padma Bhushan Balasaheb Vikhe Patil at Ahilyapur in Maharashtra. Shri Shah said that such progress has been made possible because the people of India and the state have chosen a government that truly cares for farmers. He emphasized that the Modi Government has waived over ₹10,000 crore in taxes for the benefit of farmers—one of the largest relief measures ever taken. Furthermore, cooperative institutions have now been accorded equal status with corporates in tax settlements, ensuring a level playing field.

With this reform, cooperative sugar mills will no longer bear an annual burden of ₹4,400 crore. To further strengthen these mills, the National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC), under the guidance of the Ministry of Cooperation, has introduced a



★ Statues of Dr. Vitthalrao Vikhe Patil and Balasaheb Vikhe Patil Unveiled

dedicated plan to provide financial support to efficient sugar mills, reinforcing the cooperative sector's role in rural prosperity.

Shri Amit Shah urged cooperative sugar mills to transform their ethanol plants into multi-feed ethanol units and continue production even during the non-crushing season. He encouraged them to produce ethanol using vegetable waste, maize, and rice, in addition to sugarcane. For this purpose, the National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) will provide the necessary financial support. Shri Shah further suggested that cooperative sugar mills should diversify into the production of frozen vegetables, fruits, juices, and fruit pulp, thereby expanding their business operations and income sources. He also called upon cooperative sugar mills to collaborate with NAFED and NCCF, urging them to become multi-dimensional enterprises.

Highlighting the government's commitment to the cooperative sector, Shri Shah said that priority has been given to cooperatives in ethanol procurement and through NCDC's credit schemes, ₹10,000

crore has been sanctioned to support them.

Unveiling the statues of Padma Shri Dr. Vitthalrao Vikhe Patil and Padma Bhushan Balasaheb Vikhe Patil, Shri Amit Shah said that both these eminent personalities made immense contributions to the cooperative movement, rural development, and the welfare of farmers. He said that Padma Shri Dr. Vitthalrao Vikhe Patil dedicated his entire life to the upliftment of farmers. He established the world's first cooperative sugar mill, which not only transformed the lives of farmers in Maharashtra but also benefitted those in Gujarat, Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh, and several other states. Indeed, he was one of the pioneers of India's cooperative movement, ensuring that the profits of sugar mills reached the farmers' bank accounts instead of traders' pockets.

Shri Shah recalled that, on his initiative, the Reserve Bank of India provided a revival package to Madhavpura Mercantile Cooperative Bank, which helped save 225 cooperative banks in Gujarat from collapse. ♦♦♦



Export target for the cooperative sector: ₹2 lakh crore

Over 11,000 cooperative societies have become NCEL members

Cooperative Institutions Should Export Through NCEL

- ✦ Exported over 13.49 lakh tonnes of agricultural commodities worth more than ₹5,403 crore to 28 countries worldwide
- ✦ Exports include rice, fresh red onions, sugar, baby food, processed foods, spices, and tea

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nder the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, the government is undertaking multidimensional efforts to realize the vision of a developed and self-reliant India. Advancing the

Prime Minister's goal of 'Prosperity through Cooperation' (Sahkar se Samridhi), Union Minister for Home and Cooperation Shri Amit Shah established the National Cooperative Exports Limited (NCEL) — a national-level multi-state cooperative institution under the Ministry of Cooperation. Formed as an umbrella organization to promote exports from the entire cooperative sector, NCEL is a visionary initiative to connect farmers, cooperative societies, and rural producers with global markets. Shri

Shah emphasized that NCEL's core objective is to create an ecosystem that enhances agricultural exports, enabling farmers to access larger markets and derive better value for their produce.

From primary-level cooperatives to apex-level institutions, those interested in exports are increasingly joining NCEL as members. By establishing strong linkages with international markets, NCEL is empowering cooperative societies, transforming them into vibrant economic entities, and exploring new market opportunities for Indian agricultural products. NCEL plays a pivotal role in linking farmers with export markets, resolving supply chain challenges, obtaining export certifications for agricultural goods, and ensuring smooth logistics and value chain efficiency. This national-level, multi-state

cooperative organization dedicated to agricultural exports stands on the solid foundation of government support and cooperative leadership. NCEL is now poised to become the global face of India's cooperative sector, ushering in a new era of energy, opportunity, and self-reliance in rural India through the cooperative movement.

The NCEL is providing a new direction and strength to India's agricultural and cooperative systems. It marks the beginning of a new era in the growth of the cooperative sector, representing India's cooperatives in global markets. Through NCEL, Indian farmers are now able to export their agricultural produce directly to international and developed markets. The primary goal of NCEL is to channel surplus produce from Indian cooperative societies to global markets based on better demand and fair pricing. NCEL assists cooperatives by handling procurement, storage, processing, packaging, branding, certification, and marketing to ensure smooth export operations. In addition, NCEL provides financial facilitation, technical guidance, skill development support, market intelligence, and helps its member cooperatives connect with government schemes. By doing so, it strengthens their institutional capacity and expands their presence in international trade.

Essentially, NCEL has scaled up the cooperative model to the

national level, empowering local agricultural cooperatives and producers to find markets for their products and skills worldwide. By connecting cooperative products to global markets, NCEL has reinforced the vision of 'Make in India', enriched market linkages, and created new employment opportunities within the cooperative sector.

All Cooperative Institutions Should Export Through NCEL: Shri Shah

Shri Amit Shah stated that cooperatives are the key to transforming India's rural economy. In agriculture and allied sectors, where there is potential for inclusive growth, cooperatives play a particularly significant role. He said that an ambitious target of ₹2 lakh crore in exports has been set for NCEL. Under this initiative, the Ministry of Cooperation is encouraging cooperatives to "think globally and act locally." This will enable farmers to gain maximum benefits through exports in diverse sectors such as agriculture, horticulture, dairy, poultry, livestock, fisheries, sugar, spices, organic products, fertilizers, handlooms, handicrafts, textiles, tea and coffee, minor forest produce, Ayurvedic and herbal medicines, processed food, and leather.

Shri Shah directed that all cooperative institutions should channel their exports through NCEL so that business worth ₹20,000 to ₹30,000





NCEL Makes History in Its First Year

National Cooperative Exports Limited (NCEL) recorded a turnover of **₹4,283 crore** and a net profit of **₹122 crore** in the financial year 2024–25. Additionally, NCEL expanded exports of Indian cooperative products to 28 countries, taking them to the global stage.

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crore and the resultant profits can flow back to the cooperatives. He also suggested setting up NCEL offices in Africa and Myanmar for the import of pulses, and developing a dedicated website to help cooperative members understand global demand and showcase their production capabilities. Emphasizing the need to leverage the strengths of cooperatives, he called for all possible efforts to transform them into successful and vibrant business enterprises.

NCEL Taking Cooperative Produce to Global Markets

NCEL is ensuring that cooperative agricultural products reach targeted customers across the world by addressing major challenges such as intense competition, market monopolies, unfair practices, lack of infrastructure, and standardization issues in the export sector. In just two

years, NCEL has exported millions of tonnes of produce and significantly expanded its membership base, sharing profits with its members.

As India's premier cooperative export organization, NCEL has extended its export operations to 28 countries, covering products such as basmati and non-basmati rice, marine products (especially shrimp), coarse grains, wheat, fruits and vegetables, animal products, spices, and plantation crops. During the financial year 2023–24, NCEL paid a 20% dividend to its member cooperatives, while in 2024–25 it achieved a turnover of ₹4,283 crore and a net profit of ₹122 crore. These achievements reflect NCEL's growing strength and its potential to transform India's cooperative movement into a global economic force.

During this period, NCEL signed strategic Memorandums



of Understanding (MoUs) with 61 importers from Senegal, Indonesia, and Nepal. Delivering impressive results, NCEL had, by August 2025, granted membership to 11,034 cooperative societies, including 10,793 Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS), 216 tehsil and district-level cooperatives, 10 multi-state cooperative societies, 10 state-level cooperative societies, and five promoter cooperatives and organizations. Through NCEL, more than 13.49 lakh tonnes of agricultural commodities — including rice, fresh red onions, sugar, baby food, processed food, spices, and tea — have been exported, with a total value exceeding ₹5,403 crore.

During the Budget Session of Parliament this year, the government also clarified that NCEL would export 14,92,800 tonnes of non-basmati white rice to 16 countries, 8,98,804 tonnes of broken rice to five countries,

NCEL was approved by the Central Government and was formally registered on 25 January 2023 under the Multi-State Cooperative Societies Act, 2002. This Act governs cooperative societies that operate across more than one state. It allows members to voluntarily form cooperative societies and ensures that they function democratically. The law promotes self-help, mutual aid, and the economic and social well-being of members. It also grants functional autonomy to cooperative societies and addresses related matters to ensure their effective governance and accountability.



14,184 tonnes of wheat to one country, 5,326 tonnes of wheat flour, 15,226 tonnes of maida and suji, and 50,000 tonnes of sugar to two countries. In addition, NCEL has received 2,581 membership applications from 22 states and Union Territories. ♦♦♦

Strategies to Expand NCEL's Reach and Market Presence

To achieve its export targets and strengthen its position in the market, NCEL has adopted multiple strategies to expand its reach and market presence. It has signed Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) with various state nodal agencies and developed business plans to engage with Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS). To further enhance cooperative-based agricultural exports, NCEL signed an MoU with the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) in September 2025. This

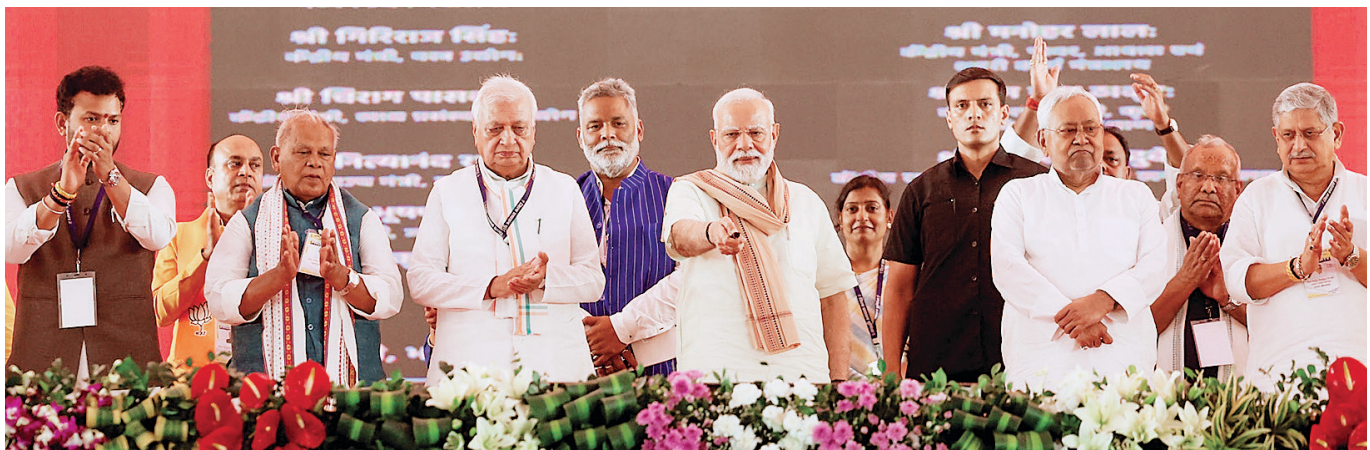
partnership focuses on training and capacity building, quality compliance, infrastructure support, and participation in international trade fairs. It also emphasizes international branding, market positioning, data-driven market intelligence, and commodity-specific export strategies.

As a significant step in this direction, NCEL launched a commodity seminar series to prepare farmers and cooperative societies for export-oriented production, with the first seminar held in Madhya

Pradesh in July 2025. A 'whole-of-government' approach was adopted by collaborating with nodal agencies, offices of the Registrars of Cooperative Societies, and other stakeholders to design commodity-specific strategies. Alongside this, NCEL strengthened its branding and digital outreach through social media, marketing tools, and awareness campaigns. To further expand membership, particularly from PACS, a dedicated Business Process Outsourcing (BPO) outreach programme was also initiated.

PM Shri Narendra Modi Visits Purnea

Viksit Bihar Essential for Viksit Bharat, Says PM



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Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi said that the development of Bihar is essential

for the development of the nation. For Bihar to progress, the growth of Purnea and the Seemanchal region is extremely important — and today, this region stands at the centre of the development agenda. He expressed these views while laying the foundation stone and inaugurating development projects worth approximately ₹40,000 crore in Purnea district. Referring to these projects related to railways, airports, electricity, and water, the Prime Minister said that they are instrumental in fulfilling the aspirations of the Seemanchal region.

Reaffirming his commitment to

- ✦ With the inauguration of the new airport, Purnea is now on the aviation map of India
- ✦ A state-of-the-art railway network is rapidly taking shape across Bihar

providing pucca houses to every needy family, Shri Modi highlighted that in the last 11 years, his government has built more than four crore pucca houses for the poor, and work is underway to construct an additional three crore houses. Giving priority to the underprivileged and serving the poor, he said, has always been the core objective of his governance.

Remembering Engineers' Day, Prime Minister Modi highlighted the crucial role of engineers in building a Developed India and a Developed Bihar. He noted that the terminal building of the Purnea airport

has been constructed in a record time of less than five months. He formally inaugurated the terminal and flagged off the first commercial flight. With the launch of the new airport, Purnea has now been placed on the country's aviation map.

Speaking about strengthening regional connectivity through an advanced railway network, the Prime Minister flagged off one Vande Bharat train, two Amrit Bharat trains, and one passenger train. He also announced the inauguration of the new Araria–Galgalthia railway line and laid the foundation stone of the Vikramshila–Kataria railway

line. Referring to the recent approval of the Mokama–Munger section of the Buxar–Bhagalpur High-Speed Corridor, he stated that it will greatly benefit industrial hubs such as Gayer, Jamalpur, and Bhagalpur. The government has also approved the doubling of the Bhagalpur–Dumka–Rampurhat railway line, further boosting regional development and connectivity.

Recalling Engineers' Day, Prime Minister Modi highlighted the crucial role of engineers in building a Viksit Bharat and a Viksit Bihar. He noted with pride that the terminal building of the Purnea Airport was constructed in a record time of less than five months. He then inaugurated the new terminal and flagged off the first commercial flight. With the launch of this airport, Purnea has now been placed on the aviation map of India. Speaking about strengthening connectivity across the region, the Prime Minister flagged off one Vande Bharat, two Amrit Bharat and one passenger train. He also announced the inauguration of the new Araria–Galgolia rail line and laid the foundation stone for the Vikramshila–Kataria rail line. Referring to the recent approval of the Mokama–Munger section of the Buxar–Bhagalpur High-Speed Corridor, he said this will greatly benefit industrial hubs like Geher, Jamalpur and Bhagalpur. The government has also approved the doubling of the Bhagalpur–Dumka–Rampurhat railway line.

Highlighting efforts to make Bihar self-reliant in the power sector, the Prime Minister informed that the foundation stone has been laid for a 2,400 MW thermal power project at Pirpainti in Bhagalpur. He affirmed that both the Central and State governments are committed to increasing the income of farmers and livestock-rearers. Shri Modi also announced the launch of the first



phase of the Kosi–Mechi Intra-State River Link Project.

Calling makhana cultivation a major source of income for Bihar's farmers, the Prime Minister said he had promised the people of the state the creation of a National Makhana Board. The notification establishing the Board has now been issued. The Board will continuously work to ensure better prices for farmers and promote the use of technology in the sector. The government has approved a development plan of approximately ₹475 crore for the makhana sector. Referring to the ongoing development projects worth thousands of crores across Bihar, Shri Modi described the hosting of the Hockey Asia Cup in Rajgir, the historic construction of the Aunta–Simaria bridge, and the export of Bihar-made locomotives to Africa as major achievements of the state.

Referring to the announcement of the Demographic Mission to address the demographic crisis emerging in Seemanchal and Eastern India due to illegal infiltrators, the Prime Minister said that it is the government's responsibility to stop infiltration. He affirmed that strict action will be taken against infiltrators and the country will soon witness positive outcomes.

Highlighting the rise of women as "Lakhpati Didis" and "Drone Didis", he said these women, through

Self-Help Groups, are leading a transformational revolution. Informing that nearly ₹500 crore has been released as a Community Investment Fund for women, the Prime Minister said that this amount will reach cluster-level federations, which will further empower SHGs in villages. This initiative will create new opportunities for women to enhance their skills and economic strength.

Announcing a major relief for the poor and middle class, the Prime Minister stated that with the reduction in GST rates, the prices of most daily-use items in the country will fall. Household kitchen expenses will come down significantly. The cost of stationery used for children's education will also decrease, making it easier for families to buy new clothes and shoes for their children.

Recalling the role of Purnia's brave sons during the freedom struggle in showcasing India's strength to the British, the Prime Minister said that the Nation has once again demonstrated the same strength to its adversaries through Operation Sindoor. Highlighting the significant contribution of a brave son of Purnia in the strategic execution of this operation, he asserted that whether it is national security or national development, Bihar plays a vital role in advancing the country's progress. ♦♦♦

Shri Amit Shah Addresses 'Startup Conclave-2025' in Gandhinagar

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P rime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's vision of a "New India" is firmly rooted in the energy of the country's youth and its startup ecosystem. Through the Startup India initiative, he has transformed the dream of turning India's youth from "job seekers" into "job creators" into a reality. Shri Modi has positioned the startup ecosystem as a key instrument for solving many of the nation's challenges and providing a platform for the creativity of young innovators.

Union Minister for Home and Cooperation Shri Amit Shah highlighted these achievements while inaugurating the Startup Conclave 2025 in Gandhinagar, Gujarat. Shri Shah said that this conclave will play a crucial role

- ✦ Startups in the health and agriculture sectors have transformed the lives of millions of poor citizens, providing permanent employment to 17.90 lakh people
- ✦ In the eight years since the launch of 'Startup India,' India has emerged as the world's third-largest startup ecosystem
- ✦ In 2014, the country had only 500 startups and four unicorns; today, India has 1.92 lakh startups and more than 120 unicorns
- ✦ Nearly 48% of India's startups are led by women, and the Northeast alone is home to 900 women-led startups

in connecting emerging startups with investors and accelerating the journey toward a developed and self-reliant India. He noted that since Prime Minister Shri Modi

launched Startup India in 2016, India has become the world's third-largest startup ecosystem within just eight years. Today, India is the fastest-growing country in building

a world-class startup environment. Startups in India are no longer just profit-generating units; they have become a powerful medium for empowering youth, fostering self-reliance, and turning their aspirations into reality.

Shri Shah added that under Prime Minister Modi's leadership, India has also emerged as the world's third-largest digital ecosystem over the past decade, enabling young minds to present their ideas, innovation, and courage swiftly to the nation and the world. As a result, India has risen from the 91st rank in the Global Innovation Index in 2015 to the 38th position today. Shri Shah expressed confidence that within the next three years, India will rank among the top ten countries in the Global Innovation Index and will soon be a leader in driving global innovation.

He emphasized that the Modi government has, from the beginning, created a supportive environment for startups, offering financial, policy-related, infrastructural, banking, and industrial support. Major initiatives include the establishment of a ₹10,000-crore Fund of Funds, the launch of the Startup India Seed Fund with a corpus of ₹945 crore, an increase in the maximum loan limit from ₹10 crore to ₹20 crore, provision of up to ₹20 lakh for Proof of Concept, and funding of up to ₹50 lakh for prototype development. Shri Shah also highlighted reforms undertaken by the government—such as the launch of Make in India, the introduction of PLI schemes in 14 sectors, the removal of over 40,000 compliances, and the decriminalization of more than 3,400 legal provisions.

1.92 Lakh Startups and Over 120 Unicorns in 11 Years

Shri Amit Shah said that in the 11 years of the Modi government, India has witnessed numerous



transformations, with significant positive developments across all sectors to expand the startup ecosystem. While there were only 500 startups in 2014, today India has 1.92 lakh startups—an increase of 380 times. Similarly, the number of unicorns has grown from 4 to more than 120, valued collectively at over 350 billion dollars.

Shri Shah urged industry leaders to partner with startups and expand in every sector to further increase the number of unicorns. He emphasized that India today has 21,000 startups in the IT sector, 17,000 in healthcare, and 11,000 each in agriculture and education. Startups have now spread across 770 districts, demonstrating the strength and reach of India's startup ecosystem. Currently, 52 percent of startups operate in Tier-2 and Tier-3 cities.

Shri Shah highlighted that 48 percent of startups in India are founded by women, including 900 women-led startups in the Northeast. He added that the startup ecosystem has generated 17,90,000 permanent jobs so far. He further stated that Gujarat has consistently ranked first in the country for four consecutive years in the startup sector. With 16,000 startups, Gujarat is among the top five states, while Ahmedabad, with 6,650 startups, ranks among the top four cities. Shri Shah noted that the startup sector is

the leading emerging sector in the country, and Prime Minister Modi envisioned increasing its speed, size, scope, and scale — a vision that is now becoming a reality on the ground.

Release of the Compilation on the Indian Knowledge System

On this occasion, Shri Amit Shah released a compilation on the Indian Knowledge System and said that it encompasses the finest knowledge in the world across fields such as Ayurveda, classical arts, architecture, mathematics, philosophy, science, space, and the environment. He noted that under the New Education Policy, the government has created a dedicated vertical for research and study on the Indian Knowledge System, thereby opening this vast treasure to the youth of India. Drawing from this repository, India's young researchers can produce world-class innovations and scholarship.

Referring to GST reforms, Shri Shah said that the Modi government has undertaken a major simplification and transformative reform of the GST system. The country has witnessed, for the first time since Independence, such a massive reduction in taxes. He added that these GST reforms have helped build a bridge of trust between the taxpayers and the government. ♦♦♦

PM Shri Narendra Modi speaks at an event in Ahmedabad

Welfare of Small Entrepreneurs, Shopkeepers, Farmers and Livestock Owners is Paramount

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The welfare of small entrepreneurs, shopkeepers, farmers, and livestock owners is of utmost priority. The government will not compromise on their interests and will not allow any harm to come to them. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi expressed these views while inaugurating, laying foundation stones, and dedicating development projects worth ₹5,400 crore in Ahmedabad, Gujarat.

Referring to India's vision of building self-reliance as the foundation of a developed nation, the Prime Minister said that the country is moving rapidly on this path through the strength of its farmers, fishermen, livestock owners, and entrepreneurs. Gujarat has a large number of livestock farmers. India's dairy sector is a major source of strength and has made the country self-reliant in this field.

Gujarat Accelerating the Atmanirbhar Bharat Mission

Calling Gujarat a state that is rapidly propelling the Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi said that this progress is the outcome of two decades of dedicated efforts. The entire state takes pride in Gujarat's emergence as a major manufacturing hub. Powerful electric locomotives are being produced at the Dahod Rail Factory. Metro coaches manufactured in Gujarat are now being exported to other countries. The state is also witnessing large-scale production of



- ✦ Dairy sector is a source of strength; India self-reliant in this domain
- ✦ Committed to ensuring a dignified life for the poor

motorcycles and cars. Several leading national and international companies are setting up factories in Gujarat. Vadodara has now begun the manufacturing of transport aircraft.

Highlighting Gujarat as a major center for electric vehicle manufacturing, the Prime Minister informed that a significant EV production initiative is being launched in Hansalpur. The state is also advancing towards becoming a key name in the semiconductor sector. Gujarat has established a strong identity in the textile, gems and jewellery industries. Nearly one-third of the country's pharmaceutical exports—including medicines and vaccines—come from Gujarat.

India is making rapid progress in the fields of solar, wind, and nuclear

energy, and Prime Minister Narendra Modi highlighted that Gujarat's contribution in these sectors is the highest. Gujarat is also emerging as a major hub for green energy and petrochemicals. The state plays a crucial role in meeting the country's petrochemical needs. Industries such as plastics, synthetic fibers, fertilizers, pharmaceuticals, paints, and cosmetics rely heavily on the petrochemical sector.

Prime Minister Shri Modi noted that traditional industries in Gujarat are expanding and new industries are being established. All these efforts are strengthening the Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative and continuously creating new employment opportunities.

The Prime Minister further



added that over the past 20–25 years, Gujarat's transportation and connectivity infrastructure has undergone a complete transformation. The metro rail network is expanding rapidly, and nearly 3,000 kilometers of new railway tracks have been laid across the state in the last 11 years.

Ensuring a Dignified Life for the Poor

Reaffirming his commitment to ensuring a dignified life for the poor, Prime Minister Shri Modi said that providing a better standard of living to labourers and their families has always been his mission. Several years ago, an initiative was launched in Gujarat to build secure, gated housing complexes for those living in slums. In recent years, numerous such housing projects have been completed, replacing slums with dignified residential spaces, and this campaign will continue.

Highlighting the improvement of urban poor's living conditions as a key priority of his government, the Prime Minister said that the PM SVANidhi Scheme was launched to support street vendors and those working on footpaths. Under this scheme, nearly 70 lakh street vendors

and cart-pullers across the country have received financial assistance from banks. In Gujarat too, lakhs of beneficiaries have been supported through this initiative.

Over 25 Crore People Lifted Out of Poverty in the Last 11 Years

Highlighting a major national achievement, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that 25 crore people have risen above the poverty line in the last 11 years, marking a moment of pride for India. He emphasized that these citizens have contributed significantly to the emergence of a new middle class in the country. The government, he said, continues to work tirelessly to empower both the newly emerging middle class and the traditional middle class. Referring to the reforms in the GST system, the Prime Minister noted that the changes will support small entrepreneurs and reduce taxes on several items. These reforms, he added, will bring a double gift of happiness to the country's business community and families.

Speaking about the Pradhan Mantri Suryodaya—Muft Bijli Yojana, the Prime Minister said the scheme aims to bring electricity bills down to

zero for households. In Gujarat alone, nearly six lakh families have already joined the initiative. The government has provided over ₹3,000 crore to these beneficiaries in the state, resulting in substantial savings on their electricity bills.

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi described Ahmedabad as a city of dreams and aspirations, noting that the city is today earning national recognition for its cleanliness. The Sabarmati Riverfront is enhancing the city's pride, while Kankaria Lake has emerged as one of the finest recreational destinations. Boating on the lake and the Kids City offer a blend of entertainment and learning for children. The Kankaria Carnival has now become a new identity of the city.

Referring to Ahmedabad's emergence as a major tourism hub, the Prime Minister said that the city has been recognized by UNESCO as a World Heritage City. Modern and innovative forms of tourism are rapidly developing in Ahmedabad. The city has also become an important center for the economy associated with musical events. The Ahmedabad Stadium, with a seating capacity of nearly one lakh people, has become a major attraction. ♦♦♦

Shri Amit Shah launches Delhi Government's Developmental Projects

Government Set to Clean-up the Yamuna Before 2029: Shri Shah



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She path to purifying the Yamuna and realizing the dream of a clean

Yamuna has been paved. Under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, an action plan has been developed to clean the Yamuna up to Prayagraj in the next seven months. Prime Minister Shri Modi's commitment to purify the Yamuna is not political, but a program to instill in the public a sense of reverence for the sacred Yamuna. The Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah, expressed these views in New Delhi at the inauguration and foundation stone laying ceremony of Delhi Government development projects worth approximately ₹1,816 crore. He stated that Prime Minister Shri

- ✦ Prime Minister Shri Modi has promised to complete the work of cleaning the Yamuna before 2029
- ✦ During the previous government, Delhi had 65-meter high garbage mountains, but by 2027 Delhi will be free from garbage mountains

Modi has promised the countrymen that the work of cleaning the Yamuna will be completed before 2029. This purification of the Yamuna will be achieved simply by reducing the corruption of the previous Delhi government and lowering advertising expenditure. Shri Shah stated that the government is working with the resolve to make the national capital renowned for its development worldwide within five years. He added that approximately 80% of the work launched at this event was related to plans to clean the Yamuna River. Shri Shah also said

that when the people of Delhi chose change, Prime Minister Shri Modi had declared that purifying Mother Yamuna was the top priority of his government.

Expressing regret over the previous government's lack of development, Shri Shah said that during the past 26 years of Delhi's rule, the people of Delhi had been deprived of progress. The previous government had promised to clean the Yamuna River and take a dip in it, but they had forgotten their promise. He noted that during the previous government's rule, garbage

Shri Modi Ji Serving Nation for the last 24 years

Shri Shah stated that Shri Modi has recently completed 24 years of continuous service as Chief Minister and Prime Minister. Shri Modi is the first person in the country to serve the nation for 24 consecutive years, initially as the Chief Minister of a major state and subsequently as the Prime Minister of great India. During his tenure, Prime Minister Shri Modi has launched numerous new initiatives, laying the foundation to fulfill the dreams of our freedom fighters. Shri Shah mentioned that Prime Minister Shri Modi has been dedicated to implementing good governance across the country. He has committed to ensuring the security of the nation, advancing the economy, and making India number one in every field by the centenary of



India's independence in 2047. Shri Shah further stated that the Seva Pakhwada commenced on Prime Minister Shri Modi's birthday. On that day, 17 projects worth over ₹1,700 crore were inaugurated, and groundbreaking ceremonies

were held in Delhi. Even at the conclusion of Seva Pakhwada, the inauguration of 11 schemes worth ₹1,800 crore and the laying of foundation stones for 8 schemes in Delhi demonstrate the government's steadfast commitment to development.

mountains in Delhi had grown to 65-meter high. Shri Shah stated with full conviction that on January 1, 2028, Delhiites would no longer see mountains of garbage; instead, beautiful gardens would begin to be built in those places. He lamented that in the past 11 years, the previous Delhi government had blocked all the schemes that Prime Minister Shri Modi had intended to provide to the people of Delhi. Shri Shah said that the previous government had prevented the implementation of the Government of India's Ayushman Bharat scheme, which provided free treatment up to ₹5 lakh to Delhi residents, depriving them of its benefits. He added that the Ayushman scheme was implemented within the first week of the new government's formation in Delhi.

Modi government is committed to serving the people

Shri Shah pointed out that the 57 Mohalla Clinics opened by the previous government were severely under-equipped: 45 lacked X-ray machines, 21 lacked pulse oximeters and 38 did not even have thermometers. He stated that under such conditions, no patient could receive proper treatment in these clinics.

Expressing his concern, Shri Shah said that the previous government had been involved in numerous scams over its 11-year tenure, including in areas such as Mohalla Clinics, CNG, liquor, advertising, medicines, classrooms, the Delhi Jal Board, Sheesh Mahal, CCTVs, and panic buttons. He also noted

that before Shri Modi's tenure, the central government had been implicated in scams worth ₹12 lakh crore. In contrast, during Prime Minister Shri Modi's 11 years in office, not a single allegation of corruption has been reported, reflecting that our governments are truly dedicated to the welfare of the people.

Shri Shah highlighted that on the first day of Navratri, Prime Minister Shri Modi reduced GST rates on more than 395 items, bringing them down to either zero or five percent. Additionally, in the 2025-26 budget, the government exempted income up to ₹12 lakh from income tax. Together, these two measures have provided savings of approximately ₹2.5 lakh crore to the public. ♦♦♦

Shri Amit Shah Attends Event in Jodhpur, Rajasthan

Union Govt Recognizes Skills of Differently-abled Citizens



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T rue work for people with disabilities can only be achieved when they are seen as symbols of divinity rather than objects of pity. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has transformed the world's perception of specially-abled individuals by calling them "Divyang." Through this term, he has instilled a sense of self-respect, a new identity, and a dream of self-reliance among all disabled people in the country. The Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah, expressed these views at

- ✦ The Prime Minister gave all persons with disabilities new self-respect and a new identity by using the term "Divyang"
- ✦ The Modi government has provided artificial limbs to over 31 lakh people in 10 years

the inauguration of the building and hostel for students of Shri Parasmal Bohra Netraheen Mahavidyalaya in Jodhpur, Rajasthan. He stated that Prime Minister Shri Modi first began using the term "Divyang" for specially-abled people in 2015, and this decision has changed the way the Government of India,

all state governments, and the citizens of the country perceive persons with disabilities. Under Shri Modi's leadership, the government has increased the budget of the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities from ₹338 crore in 2014 to ₹1,313 crore. Until 2014, the Indian government



had provided prosthetic limbs and devices to only 7 lakh people. However, in recent years, the Modi government has organized 18,000 camps to provide prosthetic limbs to 31 lakh people.

The government has provided extensive facilities for people with disabilities. Under the Accessible India Campaign, 1,314 Government of India buildings have been made accessible at a cost of ₹563 crore. In addition, 1,748 other buildings have also been made accessible for the disabled. The Modi government has further ensured that 35 international airports and 55 domestic airports are now fully accessible to persons with disabilities.

The Modi government has

also provided a strong platform to showcase the sporting talents of disabled individuals across the country. Shri Shah stated that since the Paralympic Games began in 1960, India had won only eight medals in all the Paralympic Games held until 2012. However, in the last three Paralympic Games, India won 52 medals, inspiring athletes to strive for greater achievements. Winning so many medals demonstrates that people with disabilities can accomplish anything when provided with support, recognition, and a proper platform. Shri Shah emphasized that if society, the government, and voluntary organizations work together for the welfare of the disabled, nothing is

impossible.

Shri Parasmal Bohra Netraheen Mahavidyalaya became Rajasthan's first Netraheen college in 2022. While inaugurating three projects worth approximately ₹15 crore, Shri Shah stated that, based on the institution's proven track record, these projects would be completed on time, bringing new hope and opportunities to hundreds of children. He highlighted that Sushila Ji has illuminated the lives of visually impaired students through five schools, two colleges, free hostels, meals, audio books, recorded lectures, a Braille printing press, screen readers, a computer lab, and a library, greatly easing and enriching their learning experience. ♦♦♦



Shri Amit Shah Inaugurates 'Mhaje Ghar Yojana'

Goa Government Grants Housing Rights to 10 lakh People

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The "Mhaje Ghar Yojana," launched in Goa, is more than just a government initiative, it reflects the commitment of our administrations to bring about meaningful reforms under the leadership of an efficient and compassionate government guided by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. Granting ownership rights to thousands of Goan residents who have been caught up in around 11 different types of legal complications marks a significant step toward empowerment. The Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah, shared these views while inaugurating the state's flagship welfare program, the "Mhaje Ghar Yojana," at an event held at the Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Indoor Stadium in Goa. The scheme aims to regularize houses built on government and community land and to provide ownership rights to long-term residents.

While inaugurating and laying the foundation stone for 21 development projects valued at over ₹2,452 crore, Shri Shah highlighted that Chief Minister Dr Pramod Sawant's government has passed legislation aimed at resolving all housing-related issues, granting housing rights to 10 lakh citizens previously caught in legal complications. He described this as a significant step forward in Goa's overall development. These initiatives are expected to contribute



- ✦ The 'Mhaje Ghar Yojana' is a reflection of an efficient administration, a sensitive government, and the reforms undertaken by the government under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Modi
- ✦ The inauguration and foundation stone laying of 21 development projects worth ₹2,452 crore is a major leap forward in the state's development

to building a more prosperous and advanced Goa. Shri Shah further remarked that Goa is like a "bindi on the forehead of Mother India," and its progress will serve as an inspiration for the development of other states.

Goa is set to become the first fully developed state

Shri Shah stated that since becoming Prime Minister in 2014, Mr. Modi has motivated all states to recognize the problems and hardships faced by the people, find legal solutions, and, where necessary, enact new laws to ensure citizens receive their rights. This vision

from the Prime Minister has guided governments across the country, enabling 60 crore underprivileged citizens to gain access to essential services and improve their quality of life. Shri Modi has brought hope and opportunities to millions of poor families. He noted that eleven years ago, Goa's per capita income was ₹1,12,073, which has now risen to ₹3,57,000 in 2023-24. Shri Shah added that while Shri Modi has set a goal for a "developed India" by 2047, given the rapid pace of development and problem-solving in Goa, the state is on track to become the first fully developed state in the country. ♦♦♦

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's Gift to Citizens

GST Reforms Fulfilling Citizens' Dreams

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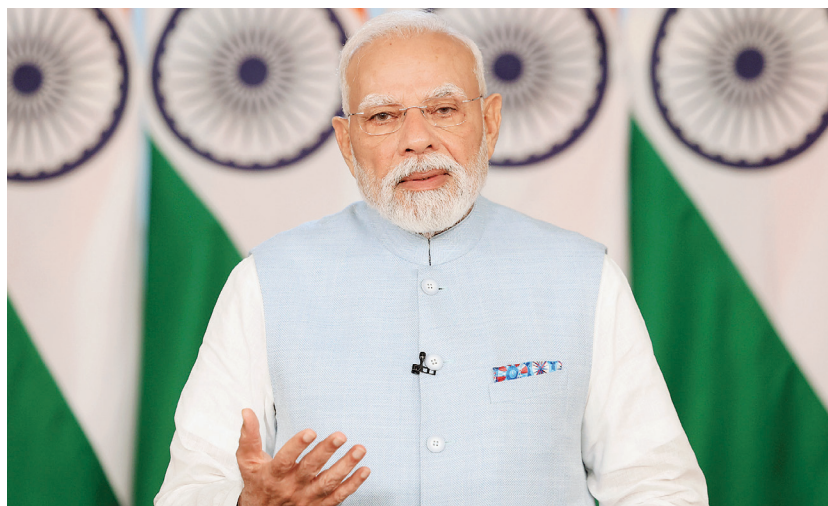


he nation is steadily advancing toward the vision of a Self-Reliant India.

The upcoming phase of Goods and Services Tax (GST) reforms is expected to accelerate India's growth trajectory, simplify business operations, and attract investments, ensuring that every state becomes an equal partner in the nation's development journey. In his address to the nation, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi highlighted that these tax reforms have been designed to address the concerns of all sections of society.

Reflecting on the first major step in tax reforms in 2017, Shri Modi emphasized that the government prioritized GST in the interest of both the citizens and the nation. Every concern was carefully considered through extensive consultations with stakeholders, resulting in a system that unified multiple taxes across the country. This marked the realization of the long-standing dream of "One Nation, One Tax."

Describing reforms as an ongoing process, the Prime Minister noted that as circumstances change and national priorities evolve, next-generation reforms are essential. The new GST framework has been designed with both the present needs and future aspirations of the country in mind. Under this revised structure, only two tax slabs -- 5% and 18% -- will remain, making most everyday essentials more affordable. Items like food, medicines, soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, and health and life insurance will either



- ✦ The essence of serving citizens is clearly demonstrated in the next generation of Goods and Services Tax reforms
- ✦ Goods and Services Tax will now have only two slabs-- 5% & 18%

be exempt from GST or taxed at the lower 5% rate.

Referring to the neo-middle class, which has lifted 25 crore Indians out of poverty over the past 11 years and significantly contributed to India's growth, the Prime Minister acknowledged their aspirations and dreams. The government has already provided income tax relief by exempting income up to ₹12 lakh. Now, the focus is on the underprivileged and neo-middle class, who will benefit from reduced GST rates, making it easier for them to achieve their goals. Purchases such as homes, TVs, refrigerators, scooters, bikes and cars will now be more affordable and travel costs will also decrease with the reduction in GST on most hotel rooms.

Highlighting the principle of "Nagrik Devo Bhava", Shri Modi stated that the combined effect of income tax relief and GST reductions will save Indian citizens over ₹2.5 lakh crore. This initiative has therefore been termed a "Savings Festival," reflecting the government's focus on easing financial burdens and enhancing the quality of life for all.

Underlining the need for firm commitment to the path of self-reliance to achieve the goal of a developed India, Shri Modi said that a major responsibility for making India self-reliant rests with MSMEs – India's micro, small, and cottage industries. Anything that meets the needs of the people and can be manufactured within the country should be produced domestically. ♦♦♦

Northeast Becoming Driving Force for Nation's Development, Says PM Shri Narendra Modi

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The eight states of the Northeast, often revered as Ashtalakshmi, cannot be left behind in the nation's development journey. This region is emerging as a key driver of India's progress. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi highlighted this while laying the foundation stone and inaugurating various development projects worth over ₹5,100 crore in Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh.

Emphasizing that citizen welfare remains the government's top priority, Shri Modi outlined initiatives aimed at improving daily life. Efforts are underway for Ease of Living to simplify everyday activities, Ease of Travel to make journeys smoother, Ease of Healthcare to enhance medical access, Ease of Education to strengthen learning opportunities, and Ease of Doing Business to facilitate trade. Major infrastructure projects, such as the Sela Tunnel—once thought impossible—have now become symbols of Arunachal Pradesh's remarkable progress, alongside the development of better roads across the region.

The Prime Minister said that Arunachal is not only the land of the rising sun, but also the land of patriotism. From the Tawang Monastery to the Golden Pagoda of Namsai, Arunachal Pradesh represents a confluence of peace and culture. This sacred land is the pride of Mother India. Referring to the establishment of heliports in remote areas of Arunachal Pradesh and the Northeast and the



- ✦ The Northeast plays an important role in making India a developed nation by 2047
- ✦ Foundation stone laying and inauguration of development projects worth over ₹5,100 crore in Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh

adoption of these areas under the UDAN scheme, Shri Modi said that a new terminal building has been constructed at Hollongi Airport, which now offers direct flights to Delhi. This has made it much easier to transport fruits, vegetables, and other produce to major markets across the country.

Referring to the vision of transforming India into a developed nation by 2047, the Prime Minister emphasized that this goal can only be achieved if every state advances in harmony with national priorities. The Northeast is playing a crucial role in this endeavour. India aims to generate 500 gigawatts of electricity from renewable sources, including solar, wind, and hydropower, by 2030, and the entire Northeast,

particularly Arunachal Pradesh, is making a significant contribution toward reaching this target.

Describing the Vibrant Villages programme launched by the Government of India as a milestone for border villages, the Prime Minister said that it is significantly contributing to the development of Arunachal.

Arunachal Pradesh is making remarkable progress in agriculture and horticulture. Local products such as kiwi, orange, cardamom, and pineapple are giving the state a new identity. Highlighting the importance of Swadeshi, the Prime Minister said that following this mantra will accelerate the development of Arunachal Pradesh and the entire Northeast. ♦♦♦

Shri Krishan Pal Gurjar Speaks at National Cooperative Conference

Cooperatives Connect Farmers to National and Global Markets

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In line with Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's vision of achieving "Sahkar Se Samridhi", India's cooperative movement is progressing rapidly and playing a vital role in building a self-reliant and developed nation. Guided by Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah, cooperatives are emerging as a strong economic force that is opening new avenues of opportunity and prosperity for farmers, women, and youth. At the "National Cooperative Conference 2025," organized by the Himachal Pradesh State Cooperative Bank in Shimla, Union Minister of State for Cooperation Shri Krishan Pal Gurjar highlighted these achievements. Addressing the national gathering on the theme "Cooperative Renaissance", he stated that cooperatives embody India's collective strength, one that will shape the future of a self-reliant Himachal Pradesh and a stronger India. He expressed confidence that this conference would mark a new era of empowerment, transparency, and innovation within the cooperative sector.

Emphasizing the importance of prioritizing farmers' welfare, women's empowerment, and innovation, Shri Gurjar underscored the need to develop modern storage systems and export channels to raise farmers' incomes. He noted that the cooperative model effectively connects the rural economy by



✦ The broader role of institutions like NCEL, NCOL and BBSSL is changing the landscape

providing affordable credit, advanced technology, and self-employment opportunities for women and youth. Institutions such as NCEL, NCOL, and BBSSL are playing a key role in linking Himalayan farmers with national and international markets. The Ministry of Cooperation has launched over 100 major initiatives to strengthen and modernize India's cooperative framework, enabling cooperatives to become a central pillar of rural progress and inclusive development.

The two-day national conference, held as part of the International Year of Cooperatives 2025, formed a crucial part of India's nationwide efforts to accelerate cooperative development. Participants engaged in detailed discussions on the challenges and opportunities within the cooperative sector and developed a comprehensive roadmap for the future. Innovations in banking technology, dairy, agriculture, and horticulture were showcased through a

cooperative fair and a fintech exhibition. Delegates welcomed the Government's decision to establish a Cooperative University, describing it as a landmark step that would give institutional strength to the cooperative movement. It will enable partner institutions and colleges to introduce specialized courses dedicated to cooperative education.

The conference was graced by distinguished guests, including Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Shri Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu, Deputy CM Shri Mukesh Agnihotri, State Cooperative Minister Dr. Dhan Singh Rawat, RBI Governor Shri Sanjay Malhotra, NABARD Deputy MD Shri Govardhan Rawat and IFFCO and NCUI President Shri Dileep Sanghani. Senior officials and leaders from prominent cooperative organizations such as Amul, NAFED and NCDC, along with representatives from cooperative societies, banks, policymakers, academicians and technology experts took part in the event. ♦♦♦

National Workshop on Cooperative Sector Held in Tirupati, AP

Cooperative Movement Strengthens the Vision of 'Sahkar se Samriddhi'

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In alignment with Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's vision

of "Sahkar se Samriddhi", the Ministry of Cooperation is charting a new course for the country's cooperative movement. Under the leadership of Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah, the cooperative sector has expanded from its traditional focus on agriculture and credit to emerging areas such as healthcare, services, and value-chain development. To make cooperatives more people-centric and future-ready, the Ministry is prioritizing the integration of modern technology with strong institutional and human capacity building. These insights were shared by Dr. Ashish Kumar Bhutani, Secretary, Ministry of Cooperation, at a two-day national workshop and review meeting held in Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh. The event emphasized speeding up the digital transformation of the cooperative ecosystem, ensuring complete digitization of PACS, enhancing the digital skills of PACS employees and members, and enabling PACS to evolve into one-stop centers offering a wide range of services—including agricultural inputs, credit, procurement, and storage.

During the workshop, detailed updates were provided on the



- ✦ Cooperatives are expanding beyond traditional sectors like agriculture and credit to areas like healthcare, services, and value-chain integration
- ✦ Emphasis on complete digitization of PACS, digital capacity building, and enabling them to become one-stop shops providing integrated services like agricultural inputs, credit, procurement, and storage
- ✦ Focus on the formation and strengthening of two lakh multipurpose PACS, dairy, and fisheries cooperatives in all panchayats and villages

ongoing computerization of PACS, ARDBs, and the offices of the Registrar of Cooperative Societies. The Central Registrar of Cooperative Societies (CRCS) also briefed states on the issues and challenges faced by multi-state cooperative societies and urged them to strengthen coordination for smoother functioning. The progress of the National Cooperative Database

(NCD) was reviewed, highlighting that it now includes more than 8.4 lakh cooperative societies and 32 crore members across 30 regions. Underscoring the crucial role of PACS and multi-state cooperatives as drivers of rural development, self-reliance, and digital advancement, the Secretary called for deeper collaboration between central and state agencies. He emphasized the need



to leverage digital tools and data-driven insights for more effective governance of cooperatives. States were encouraged to act on the agenda of “Reform, Performance, Transformation, and Information” to strengthen the cooperative sector. The discussions also covered the contribution of cooperatives in the insurance sector, with representatives from IFFCO-Tokio sharing their perspectives.

Emphasis on Completion of Cooperative Projects

The event highlighted the importance of ensuring the timely execution of cooperative schemes, promoting transparency in financial operations, and maintaining sustainable management of cooperative resources. It was underscored that all states and union territories should contribute their data to the National Cooperative Database (NCD) to facilitate balanced development across the country. Under the leadership of Shri Amit Shah, the Ministry of Cooperation is actively addressing challenges related to banking. Efforts are also being made to diversify cooperative businesses to enhance income opportunities for cooperative banks and strengthen local

entrepreneurship. In the presence of representatives from state and union territory governments, secretaries, Registrars of Cooperative Societies (RCS), and other key stakeholders, the workshop reviewed the progress of three national-level multi-state cooperative societies under the Self-Reliance Campaign—namely, National Cooperative Exports Limited (NCEL), National Cooperative Organic Limited (NCOL), and Indian Seed Cooperative Societies Limited (BBSL).

Accelerating the Implementation of the Grain Storage Scheme

The Ministry of Cooperation is actively working to fast-track the implementation of the world’s largest grain storage scheme within the cooperative sector. Initially launched as a pilot with 500 PACS, the scheme has now been expanded to 29,000 PACS across the country. During the workshop, discussions focused on ensuring the economic sustainability of warehouses through PACS business diversification, mapping PACS based on land availability, cooperative strength, and existing infrastructure, and providing technical and managerial support

for long-term viability. The review also covered the formation and strengthening of two lakh multipurpose PACS, dairy, and fisheries cooperatives across all panchayats and villages. Special emphasis was placed on identifying potential districts and blocks for new cooperatives, revitalizing existing societies through business activation and diversification, and ensuring last-mile connectivity to enhance rural livelihoods.

Top cooperative leaders from across India highlighted the significance of the International Year of Cooperatives 2025 (IYC-2025) and urged states and union territories to actively organize its flagship events. Additionally, states were encouraged to take the lead in major initiatives like the national tree plantation campaign, “Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam,” and to institute awards recognizing cooperative societies for their progress in these areas. The workshop also underscored the importance of strategic public relations in giving new direction to cooperatives, encouraging the extensive use of social media to showcase innovative practices and exemplary cooperative models. ♦♦♦

Farmers Set an Example of Success Through Solidarity and Innovation



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Farmers' solidarity and innovation are transforming challenges

into new opportunities. Through organized efforts and targeted training, small and marginal farmers are not only driving change at the grassroots level but also advancing social inclusion, women's empowerment, and environmental conservation. This inspiring revitalization of rural communities is being led by the Durgachaumuhani Farmers Producer Organization (FPO) in Kamalpur, Dhalai district of Tripura in northeastern India. The FPO is bringing about notable transformation while expanding market access for farmers. By fostering economic progress, it has

★ The Durgachaumuhani Farmers Producer Association of Kamalpur, Dhalai district, Tripura, has paved the way for development for small and marginal farmers, sparking renewed enthusiasm among villagers

become a model for farmers both within the state and across the country.

Established around three years ago, the FPO now has roughly 800 members, with women accounting for nearly one-fourth of the total. The participation of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes is also significant. The organization encourages members to boost food production by providing essential inputs such as seeds, pesticides, fertilizers, agricultural tools, and other forms of support. It also assists farmers in marketing their

produce, ensuring they receive fair and competitive prices. In doing so, the FPO is strengthening rural livelihoods and supporting the overall development of the local economy.

To further improve market access, the organization has signed agreements with several major cooperative institutions. Notably, it has partnered with IFFCO for fertilizers and related supplies, and with Wellnext Seeds for high-quality seed varieties. These collaborations have minimized the influence of middlemen and

helped ensure fair compensation for farmers.

To benefit its members even more, the Durgachaumuhani FPO is embracing modern technology. It has registered with the Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC), enabling farmers' produce to reach consumers across the country and even globally through digital marketplaces. Additionally, the FPO is promoting environmental protection and high-quality production by adopting sustainable agricultural practices.

Significant Achievements of Durgachaumuhani FPO

The Durgachaumuhani FPO has accomplished several major milestones to date. It has established a small bank of agricultural equipment that includes three power tillers, two power weeders, ten spare parts, and two water pumps. This machinery is benefiting farmers by enhancing crop productivity and boosting their incomes. The organization has achieved a turnover of ₹7.4 million. Through support from the Agriculture Department, it has also distributed free agricultural inputs—such as seeds and fertilizers—to its members, helping reduce their production costs. Looking ahead, the FPO plans to adopt drone and sensor-based farming technologies. To enhance the value of farmers' produce, it is preparing to set up processing units, along with packaging and branding facilities. Efforts are also underway to market the produce at both national and international levels.

Focus on Training Programs for Skill Development

The Farmer Producer Organization conducts training programs to build the skills of its members and officials. These



programs familiarize them with modern technologies and provide knowledge on innovative and advanced farming practices. In addition, training is offered in computer use, accounting, and legal matters. The FPO also emphasizes collective business strategies through cluster-based activities. It plans to facilitate access to loans and grants for its members by collaborating with government

schemes and financial institutions. In the future, the organization aims to ensure greater prosperity for farmers by adopting modern technologies such as drone- and sensor-based farming, expanding its membership, establishing processing units, adding value through packaging and branding, and marketing their products in national and international markets. ♦♦♦



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Connecting the Youth and Women with Cooperatives

The cooperative movement is making a significant impact on people's lives across the globe. In India, it is deeply ingrained in the everyday life of the population and has expanded across various sectors. Cooperation has permeated the grassroots level of the rural economy. Under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and the guidance of the country's first Cooperative Minister, Shri Amit Shah, the cooperative sector is steadily advancing. Prime Minister Shri Modi aims to further strengthen the cooperative movement by actively involving the nation's youth, women, and rural communities. Special attention is being given to promoting women, youth, and vulnerable sections of society to the fullest extent. The role of women in cooperatives has grown significantly worldwide, with women increasingly participating and emerging as leaders within cooperatives.

India has 8.5 lakh cooperative societies with a total membership of about 29 crore people. Despite this vast network, a large section of the country's population still faces unemployment. Over the years, cooperatives have played an increasingly important role in addressing unemployment and poverty, with women emerging as key contributors. Women are now actively involved in a wide range of socio-economic activities. Cooperatives have become a powerful platform for enhancing women's self-confidence and helping them contribute to their families' income. Constitutional

amendments related to Panchayati Raj have ensured reservation for women in local bodies and municipalities. Furthermore, the Multi-State Cooperative Societies (MSCS) Act of 2023 mandates the inclusion of two women members on the boards of cooperative societies. Women have particularly excelled in the dairy cooperative sector. The National Cooperative Union of India (NCUI) also runs educational and field project programs for women to promote their participation and empowerment through cooperatives.

The NCUI is dedicated to empowering women through training programs that help them achieve self-reliance. Several skill development initiatives are being organized in Bhopal, Shimoga, and Imphal to promote women's empowerment. Since the establishment of India's first Ministry of Cooperation on July 6, 2021, special emphasis has been placed on supporting women. In line with this, a budget allocation of ₹3 lakh crore was approved in the Budget to enhance the lives of women.

Women's collective participation in development is being strengthened through self-help groups. The Mudra loan limit for small, micro, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) has been raised to ₹20 lakh. In this context, the cooperative sector is playing an active role in implementing these initiatives. Cooperatives established specifically for women's development-- such as the Women's Welfare Cooperative Societies, which number 25,092 according to the National Cooperative Database-- can utilize these funds for growth

and empowerment. These resources can be directed toward organizing more skill development programs for women and enhancing market access for women-led self-help group enterprises. Cooperatives also hold potential for shaping a brighter future for India's youth. With every third urban resident being young, India is on track to become the world's youngest nation, with 64% of its population in the working-age group. At present, a large portion of India's youth receive education through cooperative institutions, including universities and senior secondary schools.

Youth can establish product or service-based cooperatives, allowing them to apply their education more effectively within the cooperative framework. So far, youth involvement in cooperatives has largely been limited to campus-level activities. However, students in colleges and training institutes are now participating in supply chains for small but essential items such as notebooks, books, pens, and pencils, which are sold through small youth cooperatives on campus. These cooperatives also provide services like ticket booking, travel insurance, computer training, and more. Youth cooperatives are engaged in small-scale savings and loan activities. It is expected that the upcoming cooperative policy--focused on cooperative education and training, along with the establishment of a National Cooperative University-- will further encourage the participation of both women and youth in the cooperative movement. ♦♦♦

Former Director, National Cooperative Union of India (NCUI)



IFFCO, in collaboration with IFFCO Nanoventions, launched Dhamarmrit in Gandhinagar, Gujarat, on the auspicious occasion of Dussehra. Dhamarmrit is an innovative bio-stimulant derived from banana juice. The event was attended by IFFCO Chairman Shri Dileep Sanghani, Managing Director Shri KJ Patel, Rajkot MP Shri Purushottam Rupala, IFFCO Marketing Director Shri Yogendra Kumar, IFFCO Nanoventions Managing Director Dr A Laxman, Director Bhavesh Radadiya and several other officials.



Dr Ashish Kumar Bhutani, Secretary of the Ministry of Cooperation, held a meeting with the Board of Directors of Cooperative Bank of India Limited (COBI) to discuss the roadmap for initiating banking operations as a national-level cooperative institution. The discussions focused on matters related to banking licensing, including procedures and requirements for obtaining the license.



A high-level delegation representing Brazilian dairy and agricultural cooperatives visited IFFCO House in New Delhi. They were warmly received by IFFCO Managing Director Shri KJ Patel and Marketing Director Shri Yogendra Kumar. The visit highlighted the strong cooperative relationship between India and Brazil in the field of agriculture.



IFFCO Managing Director Shri KJ Patel attended the 118th Board Meeting of IFFCO's joint venture, OMIFCO, in Dubai. This marked his first participation as a member of OMIFCO's Board of Directors. During the meeting, Shri Patel reaffirmed his commitment to supporting OMIFCO and taking the organization to new heights.



IFFCO Managing Director Shri KJ Patel, along with IFFCO Chairman Shri Dileep Sanghani, attended the Annual General Meeting and Sahakar Se Samridhi program of Amreli District Cooperative Bank in Gujarat. They also engaged with cooperative members representing all the cooperative societies in Amreli, strengthening the connection with grassroots cooperative stakeholders.



As part of IFFCO's Nano Fertilizer Campaign, a block-level Kisan Sabha and Maha Membership Campaign were organized at Beri Primary Agricultural Credit Society (PACS) in Farah, Mathura district, Uttar Pradesh. During the event, IFFCO officials provided farmers with detailed information about IFFCO's products based on nanotechnology, including IFFCO Nano Urea Plus, IFFCO Nano DAP, Sagarika Liquid, and the NPK Consortium.



Over the past 11 years, the welfare of the underprivileged, service to the marginalized and the improvement of their lives have been our government's top priorities. We believe the country will progress only when its underprivileged emerge from poverty and progress rapidly. The government also places a strong emphasis on economically empowering our sisters and daughters. Millions of our sisters are taking loans through the Mudra Yojana and starting new businesses and setting up new industries. Our government is engaged in a campaign to transform three crore rural mothers and sisters into Lakhpati Didis. I can proudly say that in such a short time, nearly two crore sisters have already become Lakhpati Didis. We are bringing women to the center of the rural economy by empowering them with Bank Sakhis and Drone Didis. Through self-help groups, women are sparking a new revolution.

Shri Narendra Modi
Prime Minister



NCUI Haat is pioneering a collaboration between NCUI and lesser-known cooperative institutions, offering a unified platform for product sales and exhibitions. Through its innovative online portal, NCUI Haat is fostering an environment to realize the vision of 'Sahakar se Samridhi'.

CEAS-LMS Portal

Cooperative Extension & Advisory Services-Learning Management System, i.e., (CEAS-LMS), is first-of-its-kind online platform which provides Information and Services required by Cooperative Members, Leaders, Managers and General Public. It is being run under 3 components:

- 1. LMS:** Learning Management System (LMS) focuses on educating its registered members on all elements of Cooperative Education.
- 2. QMS:** Query Management System (QMS) is a platform where users can express their concerns pertaining to Cooperatives, in order to receive a quick and high quality advices.
- 3. CRC:** Cooperative Resource Centre (CRC), is a platform for stakeholders to collaborate and exchange Cooperative related information and knowledge.



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