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FROM THE CEO'S DESK



Dear Readers,

This edition brings together stories that capture the many dimensions of India. From the conversations with citizens through Mann Ki Baat and the vibrant engagement initiatives on MyGov, to stories emerging from states and communities across India, we see how public participation continues to strengthen the foundations of a people-centric governance ecosystem.

Our global engagements also take centre stage. The SCO Summit, the Economic Times World Leaders Forum and interactions with space startup leaders highlight India's growing role in shaping conversations on technology, innovation, economic cooperation and the future of the world.

India's economic momentum remains equally noteworthy. The latest GDP numbers, the continued expansion of Pradhan Mantri Jan-Dhan Yojana, the manufacturing push under Make in India, and 10 years of UPI demonstrate how policy, technology and inclusive development are coming together to create new opportunities for citizens. Also, read about the upcoming Semicon India 2026 event.

This edition also looks at key Cabinet decisions, sporting conversations through Khelo India Samvaad, and the voices and moments that have resonated across social media.

Together, these stories remind us that transformation is not a single event—it is an ongoing journey shaped by institutions, innovation and, most importantly, the participation of citizens.

I invite you to explore this edition of MyGov Pulse and discover the stories shaping India's present and future.



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MANN KI BAAT HIGHLIGHTS

Scan Here to watch 137th Ep. of Mann Ki Baat

Here are the standout moments from the 137th episode of Mann Ki Baat, where Prime Minister Modi reflected on recent events and shared inspiring stories driving positive change across the country

History, Reimagined



BharatRajya.com is making history more engaging, while #NashaMuktYuva invites young people to create songs, slogans & short plays for a drug-free India

Flowers to Fortune



In Nagaland, Vesalu Puro Ji turned her passion for flowers into a thriving enterprise, showing how passion can bloom into opportunity.

From Forests to Eco-Tourism



In Odisha, Maithili Bhue Ji moved beyond dependence on forest produce to build a livelihood through eco-tourism—encouraging more women to become champions of conservation.

Learning, Growing, Harvesting



In Andhra Pradesh, Varadaraj Ji turned YouTube lessons into action. After learning avocado cultivation online, he has gone on to produce four tonnes of avocados.

ENGAGEMENT CORNER

Committed to its mission, MyGov consistently presents a dynamic range of interactive initiatives spanning diverse fields. Seize these opportunities to actively engage and win exciting prizes, participation certificates & more. Ensure your voice contributes to the development of a new India!

Celebrating DD@67 with Viewers

Celebrate Doordarshan's 67-year journey by inviting viewers to watch DD National, capture a selfie with their favourite programme on screen, and share their viewing experience. The contest blends nostalgia, active television viewing and digital participation, connecting DD's enduring legacy with today's audiences.

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Video Contest on Role of e-sakshya in Investigation

Turn your creativity into a voice for justice! Create a 2–5 minute video on the role of e-Sakshya in investigation and help spread awareness of India's new criminal laws. Participate now and make your story count!

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Human Rights Quiz 2026 – Celebrating Life, Liberty, Equality and Dignity

Participate in the Human Rights Quiz 2026 and deepen your understanding of life, liberty, equality and dignity.

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MYGOV STATE INSTANCES

NCC Academy: Creating Opportunities for Young Arunachal

Recently, Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh Shri Pema Khandu inaugurated the NCC Academy Complex at Pasighat, East Siang District, marking a significant step as Arunachal Pradesh gets its first NCC Training Academy and the second such academy in the Northeast.



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Preserving Arunachal's Cultural Heritage

The Deputy CM of Arunachal Pradesh Chowna Mein launched the first Tai Khamti heritage archive website and released Lik Loka Ping-Nyep, highlighting the importance of keeping the community's rich culture and literature alive.

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TRANSFORMING INDIA STORIES (16-31 AUGUST)

Discover India's rapid evolution! Here are the latest inspiring stories and key headlines driving the nation's transformation across sectors like economy, technology, infrastructure, and social progress.

Innovation & Infrastructure



- DMRC becomes the first Indian metro to earn ISO 55001:2024 certification
- Government looks to add more AI partners for digital projects
- India adds a record 27 GW of solar capacity in H1 2026, with installations up 49%
- IASST and IIT Guwahati develop RK-251, a potential alternative to chemotherapy

Digital India

- UPI marks 10 years, recording a 13,000-fold surge in transactions
- UIDAI completes 2 crore+ mandatory biometric updates for schoolchildren
- Qatar–India UPI-powered remittance service goes live through Qatar Post
- India's first virtual zoo inaugurated at Indore Zoo
- PM announces free online coaching for competitive-exam aspirants

People & Progress

- Women account for 46% of beneficiaries of the street-vendor credit scheme
- Rouble Nagi becomes the first Indian woman to win the Global Teacher Prize 2026
- 19-year-old Grandmaster Pranesh M wins Kanizsa Open 2026
- Rishabh Pant becomes the first Indian and fourth player globally to hit 100 Test sixes

Growth Engine

- India's merchandise exports hit a record $44.24 billion in July
- India expands its global trade footprint, set to sign 8–9 new trade agreements
- Electric car exports zoom in Q1
- Rapeseed meal exports push India's oilmeal exports up 18.41%
- Electric two-wheeler sales hit a new high, surpassing the 2025 record in just eight months

KHELO INDIA SAMVAAD





On 27 August 2026, New Delhi, Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the nationwide Khelo India Samvad – Khel Ki Baat PM Ke Saath virtually, as part of celebrations leading up to National Sports Day on 29 August, commemorating hockey legend Major Dhyan Chand. The programme brought together over 8 lakh youth from 1,600 locations across the country.

Sports and Nation-Building

The Prime Minister emphasised that sports are not limited to winning medals, but are a means to strengthen youth power, discipline, fitness and nation-building. He called for expanding India's participation across sporting disciplines and preparing talent for the 2036 Olympics.

Building Sporting Talent

A nationwide talent hunt for children aged 5–15 years will help identify sporting potential and provide training suited to individual abilities. India is also expanding sports universities, modern training centres and opportunities in sports science, nutrition, psychology and analytics.

Youth as Partners

Through Khelo India Samvad, young people were encouraged to share ideas on grassroots sports, talent development and India's sporting future, making youth participation an important part of the journey towards Viksit Bharat.

THE ECONOMIC TIMES WORLD LEADERS FORUM 2026



On 21 August 2026, Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the Economic Times World Leaders Forum 2026 in New Delhi, highlighting India's emergence as a global bright spot for growth and hope. Speaking on the theme 'Shared Futures', he emphasised India's commitment to reforms that are pro-people, pro-growth and pro-development, with a focus on strengthening the economy, improving governance and enhancing ease of living.

From 'Prohibited' to 'Permitted': A Governance Shift

The Prime Minister highlighted the shift from 'prohibited unless permitted' to 'permitted unless prohibited', reflecting a move towards trust-based governance. The removal of over 40,000 compliances and more than 1,500 obsolete laws was cited as part of efforts to reduce regulatory barriers.

Incentivising Production and Employment

The Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme illustrates this shift in economic policy. According to the Prime Minister, it has attracted ₹2.5 lakh crore in investment, generated ₹22 lakh crore in production and sales, and created more than 14 lakh jobs.



Technology and the Ease of Living

Digital initiatives including e-Sanjeevani, Digi Yatra, FASTag and Aadhaar-enabled services demonstrate how technology can improve public service delivery and reduce transaction costs.



Reforms for the Long Term

From PM Surya Ghar and PM-KUSUM to infrastructure and strategic-sector reforms, the government's approach, the Prime Minister said, is centred on long-term outcomes. Policy continuity, institutional reform and citizen-centric governance remain central to India's journey towards Viksit Bharat.

Human-Centric Governance

The Prime Minister also highlighted how governance reforms are increasingly being measured by their impact on everyday life. From enhanced railway safety and hygiene to improved punctuality of the Delhi Metro and Namo Bharat, he emphasised that infrastructure and public systems must be designed around the dignity, safety and time of citizens. He noted that more than 3.6 lakh bio-toilets have been installed in trains since 2014, while electronic interlocking has been implemented across thousands of railway stations and level crossings.

Reforms That Empower the Future

The PM cited initiatives such as PM-KUSUM and PM Surya Ghar as examples of reforms designed for lasting impact. He underlined that such measures go beyond short-term benefits by empowering farmers and households, creating sustainable energy solutions and strengthening India's long-term development trajectory. With continued reforms in Ease of Living and Ease of Doing Business, the government's 'Reform Express', he said, is moving ahead with the vision of a more stable, Aatmanirbhar & Viksit India.

SCO SUMMIT



PM Modi visited Uzbekistan and the Kyrgyz Republic from 29 August to 1 September 2026, strengthening India's engagement with Central Asia. In Tashkent, he held discussions with President Shavkat Mirziyoyev to deepen cooperation in trade, investment, defence, digital connectivity, energy and education, with India-Uzbekistan ties being elevated to a Comprehensive Strategic Partnership.

From Uzbekistan, the Prime Minister travelled to Bishkek to participate in the 26th SCO Summit on 1 September 2026, which marked the organisation's 25th anniversary. He outlined India's vision for the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation around Security, Connectivity and Opportunity.

Security Against Terrorism

India called for dismantling the entire ecosystem of terrorism, including its financing, recruitment, radicalisation and safe havens, while stressing that there can be no double standards on terrorism. Conflicts, India emphasised, must be resolved through dialogue and diplomacy.

Connectivity with Sovereignty

India supports connectivity that links markets, facilitates trade and creates development pathways while respecting the sovereignty and territorial integrity of all countries.

People-Centric Cooperation

PM Modi highlighted people-to-people ties, youth engagement and civilisational exchanges through initiatives such as the Start-up Forum, Young Authors' Conclave and Young Scientists' Forum.

PM MODI'S INTERACTION WITH SPACE STARTUP CEOs

On the occasion of National Space Day 2026, PM Modi interacted with the Space Startup CEOs. While interacting with them, he highlighted the role of policy stability, government support and entrepreneurial risk-taking in building a vibrant private space ecosystem.





From Innovation to Global Opportunity



Startups showcased advances in launch vehicles, propulsion, satellite mobility, docking, in-space refuelling, ground stations and space-based pharmaceuticals. Growing investor confidence, international contracts and the return of Indian talent from abroad reflect the sector's expanding global potential

Building India's Space Future

With private participation opening new opportunities, India has the potential to become a global magnet for talent, companies and investment in space. PM Modi also emphasised stronger engagement with Atal Tinkering Labs to spark curiosity about space among young minds.

SEMICON INDIA 2026: INDIA'S NEXT LEAP IN THE GLOBAL CHIP RACE

From 17–19 September 2026, New Delhi will host SEMICON India 2026 at Yashobhoomi (India International Convention & Expo Centre). The three-day global conference and exhibition will be inaugurated by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 17 September. Jointly organised by the India Semiconductor Mission (ISM) and SEMI, it will bring together 500+ exhibitors, 243 international companies, 150+ speakers and delegates from 40+ countries.

FROM SILICON TO SYSTEMS

Under the theme "Silicon to Systems: Building the Ecosystem," the event will convene policymakers, industry leaders, investors, researchers, academia and startups across discussions on Semiconductor Design, manufacturing, Advanced packaging, AI, supply chains, sustainability, Skilling and workforce development. A dedicated Semicon 2.0 Policy session on the inaugural day, i.e.17.09.2026 will provide a timely platform for India's next semiconductor policy phase

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Semicon 2.0: Building the Full Value Chain

The newly notified Semicon 2.0 spans six pillars—design; machines and materials; fabs; ATMP/OSAT; R&D; and talent development—with fiscal and infrastructure support aimed at strengthening technological capabilities and supply-chain resilience.

Talent as Strategic Infrastructure

India has already developed 85,000 semiconductor engineers in four years, while students from Tier-II and Tier-III cities have designed more than 250 chips. The next target is another one lakh engineers, alongside an anticipated 50,000–60,000 direct and indirect jobs from the emerging ecosystem.

7.8%: THE MOMENTUM OF A NATION AT WORK



India has begun FY 2026–27 on a powerful note, recording 7.8% real GDP growth in Q1—a reflection of an economy that has continued to build momentum amid global uncertainty.

What makes this growth significant is its broad-based nature. Services grew 10%, manufacturing 9.2% and investment 11.9%, while agriculture and allied activities recorded 3.6% growth. On the factory floor, electrical equipment production surged 27%, capital goods 15.2% and cement 8.9%.

India's global footprint is expanding too. Exports of goods and services grew 25.8%, with transport equipment exports rising 52.2% and machinery and equipment exports 31.9%. Meanwhile, stronger domestic activity was visible in vehicle registrations and sales, while foreign exchange reserves stood at US$729.3 billion, providing a cushion against external shocks.

7.8% is more than a number. It is the momentum of an entire nation—building, producing, exporting and moving forward.

12 YEARS OF PM JAN-DHAN YOJANA

From opening bank accounts to creating pathways for savings, security and empowerment



Financial inclusion is more than simply having a bank account. It is about ensuring that every citizen can access savings, credit, insurance, pension and secure channels for receiving government benefits. The Pradhan Mantri Jan-Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) has emerged as a key pillar of this vision, bringing millions of previously underserved citizens into the formal financial system.

Launched by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 28 August 2014, the Pradhan Mantri Jan-Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) completed 12 years in August 2026, emerging as a cornerstone of India's financial inclusion journey. From 14.72 crore accounts in 2015, the number has grown to 59.15 crore as of 26 August 2026.



59 Crore+ Accounts: Expanding the Reach of Banking

Over the years, PMJDY has transformed the scale of financial inclusion in India. According to the latest official progress report, 59.21 crore beneficiaries had been covered under PMJDY as of 2 September 2026, with deposits of more than ₹3.17 lakh crore in these accounts. As many as 41.39 crore RuPay debit cards have also been issued.

The reach extends across rural, semi-urban, urban and metropolitan areas, reflecting the programme's evolution from a mission focused on households

without banking access to a broader effort to ensure that individuals can participate in the formal financial ecosystem.

A Bank Account That Opens the Door to More

PMJDY accounts are designed to provide a basic savings bank account without the requirement of maintaining a minimum balance. Account holders can earn interest on deposits and receive a RuPay debit card with an accident insurance cover of up to ₹2 lakh for eligible new accounts opened after 28 August 2018. Eligible account holders can also access an overdraft facility of up to ₹10,000.

Importantly, the account serves as an entry point to a wider range of financial services, including Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT), insurance and pension schemes, and access to credit.



Strengthening the JAM Architecture

PMJDY has also become an important component of India's digital financial infrastructure through the Jan Dhan-Aadhaar-Mobile (JAM)

50,000+
Bank Sakhis

support rural women with banking, transactions and credit access



RASHTRIYA POSHAN MAAH



The 9th Rashtriya Poshan Maah 2026 will be observed nationwide under the theme "Hamari Anganwadi Hamari Jimmedari," placing Anganwadi Centres at the centre of community-led nutrition and early childhood development. It will be launched from Varanasi, UP on 9th September 2026.

Nutrition at the Foundation

Under Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0, the campaign will focus on dietary diversity, adequate protein, fresh hot cooked meals, maternal nutrition and early childhood care, stimulation and education.

Strengthening Community Participation

The campaign will promote greater community ownership and accountability for nutrition outcomes, reinforcing the role of families, communities and Anganwadi workers.



Towards a Suposhit Bharat

The month-long campaign will strengthen efforts towards a well-nourished and healthy population, supporting the broader vision of Viksit Bharat 2047

MAKE IN INDIA

From Manufacturing Aspirations to Global Scale



Launched in 2014, Make in India has emerged as a key pillar of India's journey towards becoming a global manufacturing hub. The initiative focuses on creating a conducive ecosystem for investment, innovation, technology adoption and large-scale manufacturing across sectors.

India's Electronics Manufacturing Momentum

One of the clearest success stories is India's mobile manufacturing ecosystem. Today, more than 99% of mobile phones used in India are made in India, placing the country second globally in mobile manufacturing.

This transformation reflects the rapid expansion of domestic production capabilities and the growing depth of India's electronics ecosystem.

From "Made in India" to "Made for the World"



Make in India is not merely about producing more within the country. It is about building globally competitive capabilities. As manufacturing ecosystems deepen across electronics, automobiles, pharmaceuticals, defence and other sectors, India is strengthening its position in global value chains.

Make in India is powering a new India: manufacturing at scale, innovating with confidence and building for the world.

10 YEARS OF UPI



Launched in April 2016 by the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), under the regulatory oversight of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), the Unified Payments Interface (UPI) has transformed the way India transacts. What began with just 21 banks has evolved into a nationwide digital payments ecosystem with 703 banks live on UPI by FY 2025–26.

What makes UPI transformative is not merely its technological architecture, but its simplicity. By bringing multiple bank accounts and payment services onto a single interoperable platform, UPI made digital payments faster, easier and accessible to millions of citizens and businesses.

From 2 Crore to 24,162 Crore Transactions

The scale of UPI's transformation is reflected in its numbers. In FY 2016–17, UPI processed just 2 crore transactions. A decade later, annual transaction volume surged to 24,162 crore transactions in FY 2025–26—an almost 12,000-fold increase. Transaction value has witnessed an equally remarkable transformation, rising from ₹0.07 lakh crore in FY 2016–17 to approximately ₹314 lakh crore in FY 2025–26—over 4,000 times higher.



Powering Everyday Digital India

The significance of UPI goes beyond these numbers. With around 66 crore transactions processed daily, digital payments have become an integral part of everyday life—from small-value merchant purchases and QR-code payments to person-to-person transfers.

Notably, 86% of UPI person-to-merchant



transactions are below ₹500, highlighting how UPI has enabled frequent, low-value digital payments and brought digital transactions closer to everyday citizens and small businesses.

For merchants, QR-based payments have reduced dependence on cash and enabled seamless receipt of payments. For consumers, the ability to transfer money instantly has made digital transactions a part of routine economic activity.

India's Digital Innovation Goes Global

UPI has also emerged as a global benchmark. It accounts for nearly 49% of global real-time payment transaction volume, demonstrating the scale at which India has built interoperable and inclusive digital public infrastructure.

Over the past decade, UPI has evolved from a payment interface into an important pillar of India's digital public infrastructure. Its journey demonstrates how technology, innovation and public infrastructure can work together to simplify everyday transactions and expand participation in the formal digital economy.

CABINET DECISIONS

Strengthening Rail Connectivity

Expanding Rail Connectivity, Powering Growth

₹9,450 Crore Investment | 410 km of New Rail Capacity

(19 August 2026)



The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has approved four multitracking projects across West Bengal, Odisha, Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu, with a total investment of ₹9,450 crore.

Connecting Communities, Enabling Growth

The projects will add nearly 410 km to the Indian Railways network, benefiting around 6,448 villages and nearly 60 lakh people. Aligned with the PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan, the expansion will ease congestion, improve connectivity and strengthen the movement of both passengers and freight.

Boosting Freight, Reducing Emissions

The enhanced rail capacity is expected to facilitate an additional 76 million tonnes of freight annually, while reducing logistics costs. It is also projected to save nearly 13 crore litres of oil and reduce carbon emissions by around 65 crore kg.

Together, these projects underscore India's continued focus on efficient, integrated and sustainable transport infrastructure, strengthening railways as a key driver of economic growth and regional development.

Four-Laning of NH-22 in Bihar (19 August 2026)

The Cabinet approved the 82.578-km Muzaffarpur–Sitamarhi–Sonbarsa section of NH-22 for four-laning at a capital cost of ₹3,590.73 crore under the Hybrid Annuity Mode. The corridor will strengthen connectivity to the India–Nepal border, improve movement of passengers and freight, and connect key economic, logistics, cultural and religious destinations.

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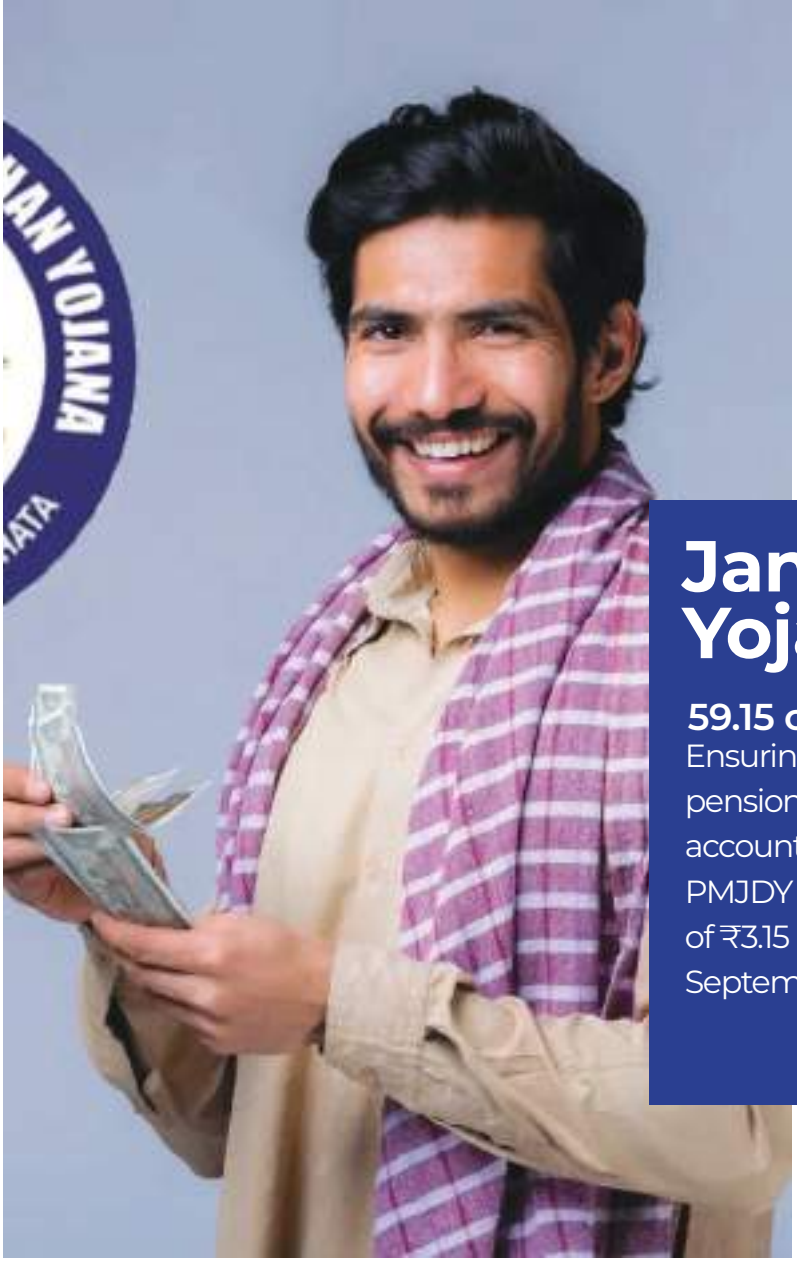
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EMPOWERING CITIZENS



Jan Dhan Yojana

59.15 crore
Ensuring monthly pension to Jan-Dhan accounts opened under PMJDY with deposits of ₹3.15 lakh crore as of September 2026

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