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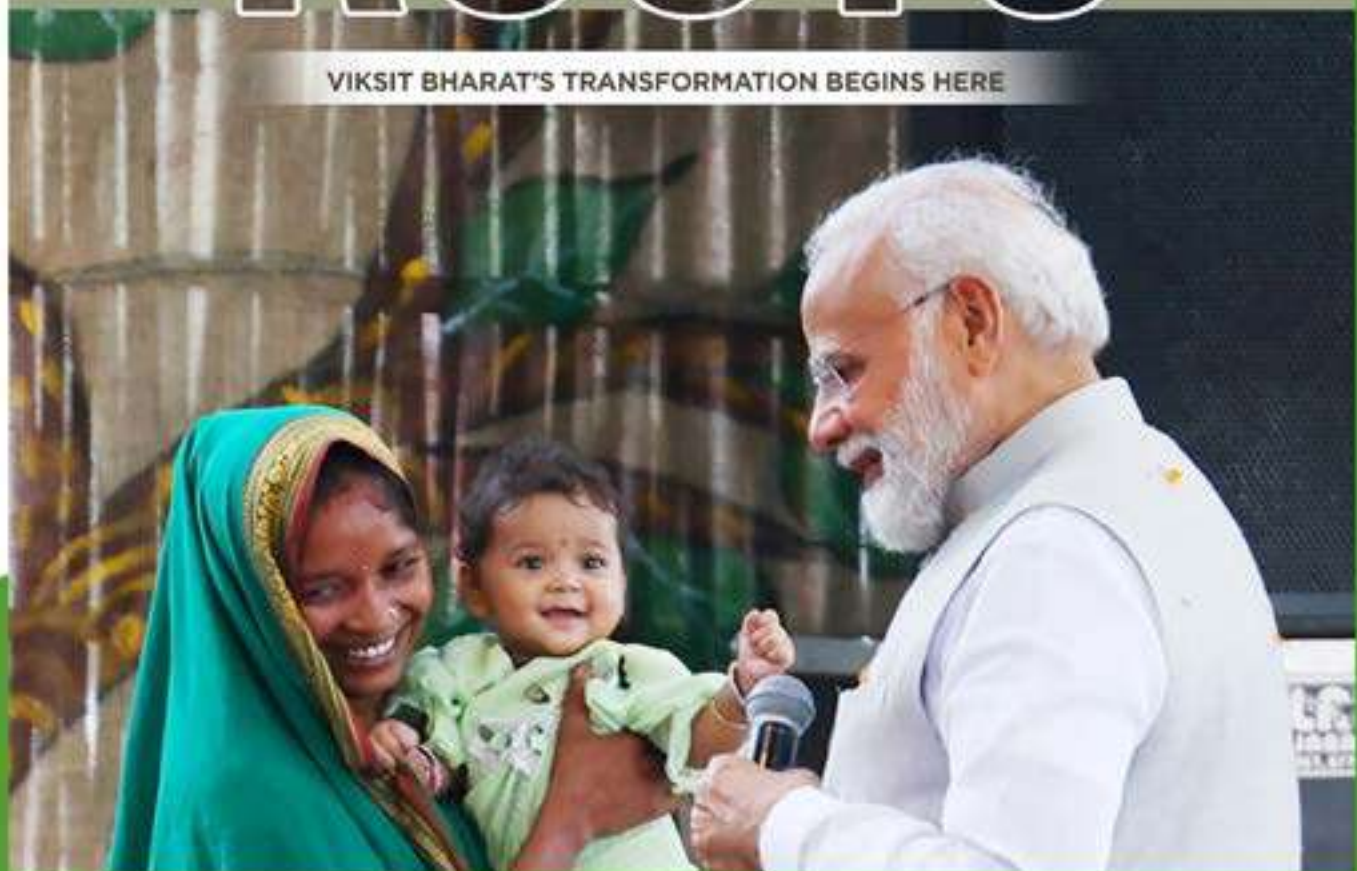
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FROM THE CEO'S DESK



Dear Readers,

This edition of MyGov Pulse begins with a powerful narrative of India's grassroots transformation—where the journey towards Viksit Bharat is being shaped from the ground up. Our lead story captures how strengthened Panchayati Raj institutions and the SVAMITVA Scheme are redefining governance, empowering villages, and bringing citizens closer to decision-making.

Inside, you will discover how India is expanding its social security net through Bima Yojanas, transforming mobility through modernised railways, and emerging as a global financial hub with the rapid rise of GIFT City. We also explore India's clean energy push through the Small Hydro Revolution and highlight a rare civilisational moment with the exposition of sacred relics of Tathagata Buddha in Ladakh.

The edition further brings you the latest Transforming India Stories, showcasing milestones across economy, technology, infrastructure, and social progress. The key Cabinet decisions reflect continued momentum in governance and development.

Do explore our Engagement and Social Media sections, where your participation continues to shape India's journey.

Happy Reading!

Shri Ajit Kumar, IAS,
CEO, MyGov

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MANN KI BAAT HIGHLIGHTS



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Ep. of Mann
Ki Baat

Here are the standout moments from the 133rd episode of Mann Ki Baat, where Prime Minister Modi reflected on recent events and shared inspiring stories driving positive change across the country

Historic Milestone in Bharat's Nuclear Energy



In Tamil Nadu's Kalpakkam, the Fast Breeder Reactor has achieved criticality. This Nuclear Reactor is built entirely with indigenous technology

Wind Power - New Story of Development



India's Wind Generation Capacity has exceeded 56 GW. Today, Bharat is in the 4th position in the world in Wind Energy Capacity.

Beating Retreat's music on Waves OTT



For the first time, Beating Retreat's music is available on Waves OTT. Soon, it will be available on other platforms too. You must listen to it.

Census 2027



Census 2027 has been made digital. All information is being recorded directly through digital mediums. To save time and make the process easier, citizens can enter their information by themselves.

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!

Tableaux Ideas for Rashtriya Ekta Diwas Parade 2026

Participate by submitting your ideas for the conceptualization of tableaux for the Rashtriya Ekta Diwas Parade 2026, highlighting India's legacy, progress, and shared aspirations.



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Corporate Mitra Logo Design Contest

Capture the essence of the "Corporate Mitra" scheme which is meant to facilitate MSMEs in their journey of growth and innovation towards Viksit Bharat.



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Exam Warriors Quiz

Boost Confidence Beat Exam Stress! Join the Exam Warriors Quiz and explore simple yet powerful ways to stay stress-free and perform your best in exams.



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TRANSFORMING INDIA STORIES

(16 - 30 APRIL 2026)

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.

Defence & Social Impact



- » DRDO, Indian Navy successfully complete advanced hydrodynamic performance assessment and model testing for warship project
- » Health Insurance Coverage rising from 14% to 47% in rural areas, and from 19% to 44% in urban areas between 2017-18 and 2025
- » PLI scheme for food processing creates 3.39 lakh jobs, disburses ₹2,162 crore in Incentives by 2026-27

Digital & Financial Transformation

- » UPI platforms processes over 241 billion transactions with value exceeding ₹314
- » Digital India drives surge in broadband, data use; subscribers rise 400% in a decade

- » Bank credit, deposit growth at 16.08% in FY26, fastest since FY24
- » India's Forex Reserves Jump \$3.83 Billion To \$700.95 Billion

Innovation & Emerging Technologies

- » India records highest-ever startup surge with 55,200 recognised in FY26
- » IIT Madras incubates 112 startups, files 431 patents in FY26 milestone year
- » India advances in clean energy race with Magnetolectric Nano-Catalyst breakthrough

Infrastructure & Mobility

- » Solar infra helps India meet record 256GW power demand
- » Indian Railways completes the order of 10 locomotives to Mozambique
- » India's Road Logistics Growth Seen At 8-10% In FY27: ICRA
- » Major Ports Handled Record 915 Million Tonnes Cargo In FY26, Surpass Annual Target

STORY OF RESHAPING RURAL INDIA



India's democratic strength is not only reflected in its Parliament, but in its villages—where governance meets everyday life. As the nation marks Rashtriya Panchayati Raj Diwas, it also reflects on a quiet yet powerful transformation underway across rural India.

Over the past decade, India has moved beyond decentralisation to true grassroots empowerment. Through a combination of legal reforms, digital innovation, financial strengthening, and citizen participation, Panchayati Raj Institutions are emerging as dynamic centres of governance—bringing decision-making closer to the people and making development more responsive and inclusive.

A Strong Foundation of Local Governance

The Panchayati Raj system, institutionalised through the 73rd Constitutional Amendment, has evolved into one of the world's largest democratic frameworks.

- » Over 2.5 lakh Panchayats across India
- » Around 24.04 lakh elected representatives
- » Nearly 49.75% women participation, strengthening inclusivity

From Records to Rights: Transforming Rural Ownership

A defining shift in recent years has been the move towards clear and secure property ownership in rural India. By using advanced mapping technologies, the government has created accurate land records that reduce disputes and unlock economic potential.

Ownership is no longer informal—it is documented, recognised, and usable as



a financial asset. This transformation is strengthening both individual security and institutional planning at the Gram Panchayat level.

SVAMITVA @ 6 Years

As the SVAMITVA Scheme completes six years, it stands out as a cornerstone of India's grassroots governance transformation. By leveraging drone and GIS technology, the initiative has moved beyond mapping land to empowering rural citizens with legal ownership rights.

- » 3.29 lakh villages surveyed out of 3.44 lakh targeted
- » 3.10 crore property cards prepared

» 2.65 crore cards distributed to households

The impact has been transformative. Clear land ownership has reduced disputes, strengthened financial inclusion, and enabled villagers to access institutional credit. It has also improved planning and transparency at the Panchayat level.

SVAMITVA reflects a deeper shift—from uncertainty to security—where land ownership becomes a foundation for dignity and economic opportunity.

Governance at the Click of a Button

Technology has played a pivotal role in strengthening grassroots democracy. Panchayats are now increasingly digitised,

making governance more transparent, efficient, and accountable.

- » Over 2.55 lakh Gram Panchayats have uploaded development plans online
- » More than ₹53,342 crore transactions processed digitally
- » 1.6 crore vendors registered on governance platforms
- » 1 lakh+ Panchayats using AI-based tools for meeting documentation



With over 95% villages connected to 3G/4G networks and 6.5 lakh Common Service Centres, digital governance is reaching even the remotest corners of the country.

Empowering Institutions, Enabling Leadership

A robust governance system requires capable institutions and trained leaders. Over the years, focused efforts have been made to build capacity at the grassroots level.

- » 45 lakh+ individuals trained in governance and administration

- » 632 Panchayat Learning Centres established
 - » 1,087 Panchayat Bhawans constructed
- Special emphasis has been placed on women leaders:
- » Over 1.48 lakh women representatives trained
 - » Development of Model Women-Friendly Panchayats



Community Participation: The Heart of Democracy

Grassroots democracy thrives on participation. The Gram Sabha continues to serve as the foundation of direct democracy, enabling citizens to actively shape local decisions. Efforts to deepen participation include:

- » Youth engagement through Model Youth Gram Sabha
- » Strengthening tribal governance under the PESA Act, covering 77,000+ villages
- » Community-led planning and monitoring of development programmes

Financial Empowerment

Financial decentralisation has been a major driver of transformation, giving Panchayats the resources needed to deliver results.

- » ₹2.36 lakh crore under the 15th Finance Commission
- » Increased to ₹4.35 lakh crore under the 16th Finance Commission
- » Rural development budget up by over 211% in a decade



These funds support infrastructure, sanitation, water supply, and other essential services, making Panchayats financially empowered and accountable.

Powering India from the Ground Up



India's journey towards Viksit Bharat is being built from its villages. Over the past decade, grassroots governance has evolved into a powerful force for inclusive growth—driven by empowered Panchayats, digital innovation, and active citizen participation.

The transformation is visible: villages are more connected, governance is more transparent, and communities are more engaged than ever before.

As this momentum continues, one reality stands clear—India's future is being shaped not just from the top, but from the ground up, through a stronger, smarter, and more empowered grassroots democracy.

BIMA YOJANAS

Expanding Social Security Net



Over the past decade, India has taken significant strides towards building a comprehensive social security framework, ensuring that every citizen—especially the vulnerable—has access to financial protection. Through a combination of policy reforms and targeted insurance schemes, the Government is steadily expanding coverage, improving affordability, and strengthening trust in the insurance ecosystem.

This transformation reflects a shift from limited protection to inclusive, accessible, and citizen-centric insurance coverage across life, health, livelihood, and employment risks.

Policy Reforms Driving Wider Coverage

Recent legislative and regulatory measures have strengthened the insurance landscape:

- » Sabka Bima, Sabki Raksha (Amendment of Insurance Laws) Act, 2025
- » GST exemption on life and health insurance policies
- » Shortening of Moratorium Period
- » Standardized 30-day free-look period
- » Wider choices to policyholders
- » No claim Bonus to policyholders
- » Guaranteed policy renewal
- » Grace Period for premium payment
- » Migration and portability provisions

Affordable Insurance for Every Citizen

Flagship insurance schemes have significantly expanded social protection across India:

PM Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY)

- » 26.88 crore enrolments
- » Over 10.45 lakh claims settled

Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY)

- » 57.11 crore enrolments
- » 1.76 lakh claims disbursed

Ayushman Bharat PM-JAY

- » 43.52 crore Ayushman cards issued
- » Free health cover up to ₹5 lakh per family



These schemes ensure that financial shocks—whether due to death, accidents, or illness—do not push families into distress.

Protecting Livelihoods and Workers

Employees' State Insurance (ESI)

- » Covers 3.24 crore employees
- » Benefits reaching 14.91 crore individuals

Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY)

- » 93.98 crore applications received
- » Claims worth ₹1.94 lakh crore disbursed



A Decade of Impact

The combined effect of these schemes and reforms has led to a significant expansion in insurance coverage across India.

More citizens today are protected against uncertainties, premiums are more affordable, and claims processes are more transparent. The focus on digital integration and ease of access has further strengthened service delivery.

Towards Universal Social Protection

India's journey towards inclusive growth is being reinforced by a robust and expanding social security framework. Through affordable insurance, strong regulatory reforms, and targeted welfare schemes, the Government is ensuring that no citizen is left unprotected.

As coverage deepens and awareness grows, these Bima Yojanas are not just providing financial security—they are building a more resilient, secure, and confident India.



INDIAN RAILWAYS ON THE FAST TRACK



From the first train journey in 1853 to becoming one of the world's largest railway networks, Indian Railways has always been central to India's development story. Over the past decade, this legacy has entered a new phase—marked by modernisation, digitisation, and sustainability, transforming railways into a key driver of economic growth and national integration.

Today, with 741 crore passengers served annually and freight movement reaching 1,670 million tonnes, railways continue to be the backbone of India's logistics and mobility ecosystem.

Electrification & Infrastructure

A major thrust has been on creating a faster,

greener, and more efficient railway system.

- » Electrification expanded from ~20% in 2014 to 99.6% of the network
- » 69,873 route km electrified as of 2026
- » Savings of 180 crore litres of diesel annually
- » Over ₹6,000 crore saved through reduced fuel cost

Track upgrades have also enhanced speed and reliability:

- » 54,600 km tracks renewed (2014–26)
- » High-speed track capability expanded to 80% of the network

Modern Trains & Passenger Experience

Passenger services have been transformed with new-age trains and improved amenities.

- » **Vande Bharat Express:** Over 9.1 crore passengers since launch
- » **Amrit Bharat Express:** Affordable, modern non-AC trains for wider accessibility
- » **Amrit Bharat Station Scheme:** 119 stations redeveloped

Additionally, over 65,000 special trains were operated in 2025–26 to meet peak demand, ensuring better connectivity during festivals and high-traffic periods.



Digital & Safety Revolution

Technology is playing a central role in making railways smarter and safer.

- » Kavach system implemented across 3,100+ km to prevent collisions
- » AI-enabled surveillance at 1,874 stations

- » IP MPLS telecom network across 1,396 stations
- » Launch of RailOne App for seamless passenger services

Towards High-Speed & Future-Ready Railways

India is now entering the era of high-speed rail and advanced logistics.

- » ₹2.78 lakh crore capital outlay in Union Budget 2026–27
- » Development of 7 high-speed corridors (~4,000 km)
- » Mumbai–Ahmedabad corridor progressing at speeds up to 320 kmph
- » 35 Gati Shakti Cargo Terminals boosting freight efficiency

These innovations are enhancing safety, communication, and overall passenger experience.

Indian Railways is no longer just a mode of transport—it is a symbol of India's transformation. With sustained investments, technological advancements, and a focus on sustainability, the railways are becoming faster, safer, and more efficient.

As India moves towards Viksit Bharat, its railways are not just connecting destinations—they are connecting aspirations and powering the nation's growth journey forward.

GIFT CITY

Gateway to Global Finance



Marking 11 years since its establishment, Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT City) stands as a symbol of India's ambition to emerge as a global financial leader. What began as a visionary project has rapidly evolved into a world-class financial ecosystem, recording over \$100 billion in monthly turnover and attracting global investors, institutions, and universities.

At the heart of this transformation lies a strategic vision—to create a unified, efficient, and globally competitive financial hub that integrates finance, technology, and urban innovation.

Building a World-Class Financial Ecosystem

GIFT City's growth is anchored in its

robust institutional framework and global connectivity.

- » India INX enables high-speed trading in just 4 microseconds, operating 22 hours a day
- » A unified regulatory framework brings banking, insurance, and capital markets under one roof
- » Seamless digital approvals through a single-window system enhance ease of doing business

Smart Infrastructure, Seamless Living

Spread across 1,000 acres, GIFT City is designed as a next-generation smart city, combining infrastructure with sustainability and efficiency.

- » 99.999% power reliability, with outages limited to just minutes annually
- » 24x7 potable water supply ensuring uninterrupted services
- » AI-enabled CCTV network integrated with a central command centre

The city's "digging-free" underground utility tunnel ensures maintenance without disrupting roads, while district cooling systems enhance energy efficiency and urban aesthetics.

Sustainability at the Core

GIFT City is India's first greenfield smart city to achieve the IGBC Green Cities Platinum rating.

- » Designed as a zero-discharge city
- » Fully automated waste management system
- » Environment-friendly infrastructure supporting long-term sustainability

Global Presence, Growing Impact

The scale of GIFT City's growth is evident in its economic and global footprint:

- » \$100B+ monthly turnover and \$80B capital market activity
- » 20,000+ jobs created
- » Presence of global firms like HSBC, IBM, Oracle, and Google
- » Ranked 1st globally in Reputational Advantage and among top emerging financial centres



Additionally, global universities such as Deakin University and University of Wollongong have established campuses, with more set to follow—further enhancing its global appeal.

India's Financial Future Takes Shape



GIFT City represents a new chapter in India's economic journey—where policy, technology, and infrastructure converge to create a globally competitive financial hub.

From high-speed trading to sustainable urban design, the transformation is visible and impactful. As GIFT City continues to expand its global footprint, it is not just attracting investment—it is positioning India at the forefront of international finance, shaping the future of global economic engagement.

INDIA'S SMALL HYDRO REVOLUTION

Strengthening Energy
Security Through
Sustainable Solutions



As India accelerates its transition towards clean energy, small hydro power is emerging as a critical pillar of energy security and sustainability. Over the past decade, the Government has taken consistent steps to diversify the energy mix, focusing on reliable and decentralised sources. The recently approved Small Hydro Power (SHP) Development Scheme (2026–31) marks a

significant milestone in this journey, aiming to unlock untapped hydro potential while supporting inclusive development.

Unlike intermittent renewable sources, hydro power provides stable, round-the-clock electricity, making it essential for grid resilience and long-term energy planning.

A Strategic Push for Clean Energy Expansion

The SHP Development Scheme reflects a targeted effort to scale small hydro capacity across the country, particularly in hilly and remote regions.

- » ₹2,584.60 crore outlay for FY 2026–31
- » Target to add 1,500 MW capacity
- » Focus on projects between 1–25 MW capacity
- » Special incentives for North Eastern and border regions

India already has a total small hydro potential of over 21,133 MW, of which around 5,171 MW has been harnessed, leaving significant scope for expansion.

Driving Investment, Jobs and Local Growth

Beyond energy generation, the scheme is designed to stimulate economic activity and employment in rural areas.



- » Expected to attract ₹15,000 crore investment
- » Generate 51 lakh person-days of employment
- » Promote indigenous manufacturing under Atmanirbhar Bharat

Decentralised Power for Remote Regions

A defining feature of small hydro power is its ability to deliver electricity close to consumption centres, especially in geographically challenging areas.

- » Reduces dependence on long transmission networks
- » Minimises transmission losses

- » Enhances voltage stability and reliability
- » Strengthens energy access in remote and tribal regions

Sustainable and Future- Ready Energy Solution

Small hydro projects offer a balanced solution by combining environmental sustainability with long-term efficiency.

- » Zero fuel consumption and low emissions
- » Minimal land requirement and displacement
- » Long operational lifespan (40–60 years)
- » Low ecological footprint

Lighting the Path to Self- Reliance

India's energy transformation is not just about capacity—it is about resilience, inclusivity, and sustainability. The Small Hydro Power Development Scheme reflects a forward-looking vision where clean energy powers both growth and equity.

By unlocking untapped potential and empowering remote regions, small hydro is set to play a crucial role in building a secure, sustainable, and self-reliant energy future for India.

RELICS OF TATHAGATA BUDDHA IN LADAKH



In a rare and significant development, the sacred relics of Tathagata Buddha have been brought to Ladakh for public exposition, offering devotees and scholars a unique opportunity to witness these deeply revered symbols of enlightenment. Timed with Buddha Purnima, the initiative goes beyond a ceremonial event—it reaffirms India's living connection with its civilisational roots and its commitment to sharing Buddha's timeless message with the world.

These relics, preserved at the National Museum, New Delhi, trace their origins to the historic Piprahwa excavations linked to ancient Kapilavastu. Their careful conservation and public exposition highlight India's leadership in safeguarding global spiritual heritage.

The Ladakh exposition carries wider national significance.

- » Boost to cultural tourism and regional development
- » Promotion of values like peace, compassion, and non-violence
- » Strengthening India's soft power and civilisational outreach

The sacred relic exposition in Ladakh aims to shape the future through shared values. By preserving and sharing this heritage, India continues to build bridges of peace and understanding across the world. It reaffirms a powerful truth: India's civilisational legacy remains a guiding light for a more harmonious and connected global future.

A Growing Global Cultural Connect

India has consistently expanded its outreach through international exhibitions of Buddhist relics.

- » Exhibitions held in Mongolia, Thailand, Vietnam, Bhutan, Russia, and Sri Lanka
- » Landmark reunion of relics after 127 years in New Delhi
- » Strengthening cultural diplomacy and people-to-people ties

PROUD MOMENTS FOR INDIA

From global academic excellence to culinary innovation, India continues to make its mark across diverse international platforms.

First-Ever Gold at European Girls' Mathematical Olympiad



India scripted history at the European Girls' Mathematical Olympiad (EGMO) 2026 as Mumbai's Shreya Shantanu Mundhada became the first Indian to win a gold medal at the prestigious global competition held in Bordeaux, France. The four-member Indian

team also delivered its best-ever performance, securing one gold, one silver, and one bronze, and ranking sixth among 67 countries. This milestone highlights India's growing strength in global mathematics.

Indian Cheese Wins Global Recognition



India's artisanal cheese made a remarkable debut at the Mundial do Queijo do Brasil 2026, one of the world's most prestigious dairy competitions, winning four medals—one Super Gold, two Golds, and one Silver. Standout entries included a Brie-style cheese from Kashmir and yak milk-based cheese from Ladakh. The achievement marks a significant step in placing Indian handcrafted dairy products on the global gourmet map and highlights the growing international appeal of India's niche food innovations.

CABINET DECISIONS

Boosting Connectivity

(18 April 2026)

The Union Cabinet has approved the continuation of PMGSY-III till March 2028 with an outlay of ₹83,977 crore. Stronger rural roads will boost trade, cut travel time, and power economic progress across Bharat.

In another major decision, the cabinet approved two multitracking railway projects across 15 districts in Uttar Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh, expanding the network by 601 km. With an investment of ₹24,815 crore, the projects will boost connectivity, enhance capacity, and generate 409 lakh human-days of employment.



Strengthening India's maritime backbone

(18 April 2026)

The Union Cabinet approved the 'Bharat Maritime Insurance Pool' with a sovereign

guarantee of ₹12,980 crore to facilitate continuous maritime insurance coverages. The pool ensures that Indian trade continues to have access to affordable insurance for vessels carrying cargo from any international origin to Indian ports and vice-versa, even when transiting volatile maritime corridors.

Honouring the dedication of India's Karmayogis

(18 April 2026)



The Union Cabinet approves an additional instalment of Dearness Allowance and Dearness Relief, with a 2% increase over the existing rate. The combined impact on the exchequer on account of increase in both DA and DR would be Rs.6791.24 crore per annum. This will benefit about 50.46 lakh Central Government employees and 68.27 lakh pensioners.

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Explore top MyGov social media highlights — trending videos, thought-provoking podcasts, inspiring blogs, and snapshots of New India's progress across platforms, all in one place.

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In this high-energy episode of the GDP Podcast, three-time Grammy Award winner and environmentalist Ricky Kej shares how a single meeting with PM Narendra Modi redefined his entire career.



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Thursday Thriller

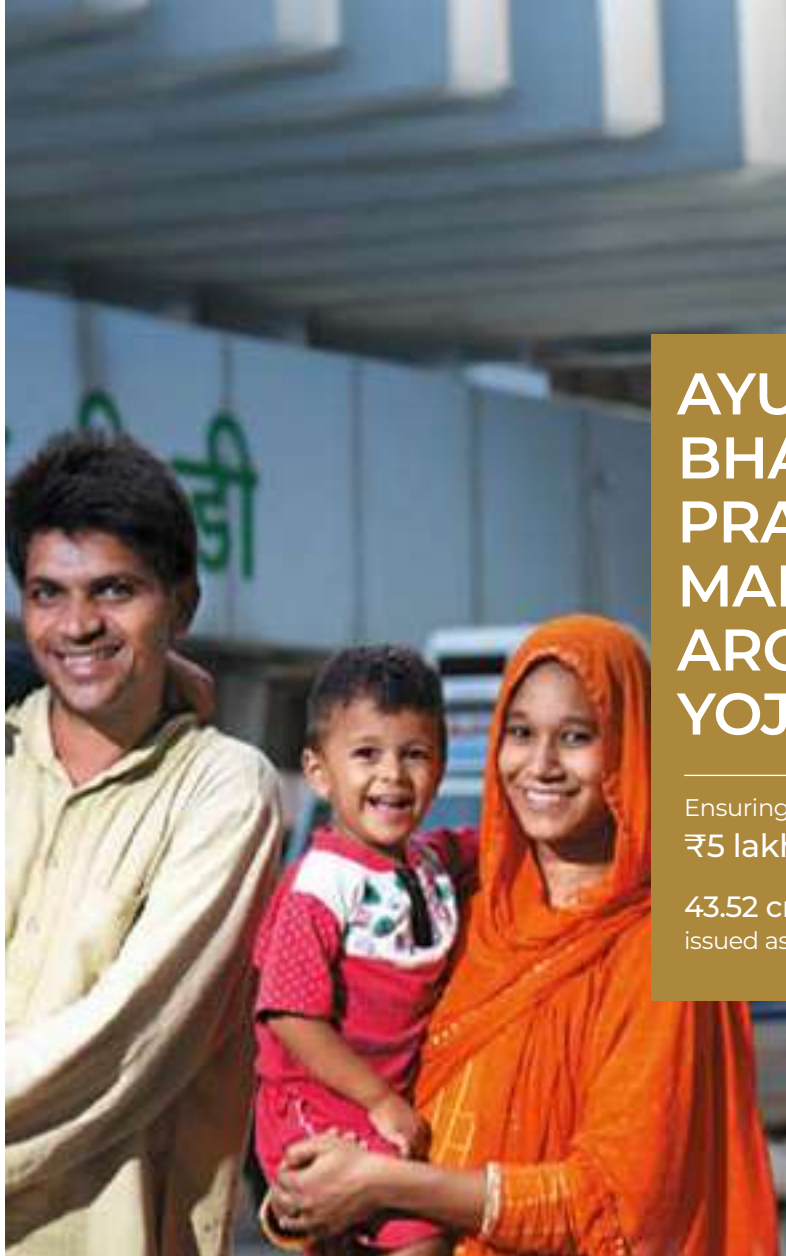
In this Thursday Thriller episode, explore how India is emerging as a global tech leader through AI and semiconductor innovation.



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