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Bharat Taxi Realising the Vision of ‘Sahakar Se Samriddhi’



Bharat Taxi's initiative in the cooperative sector is steadily moving towards nationwide expansion, translating Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's vision of 'Sahakar se Samriddhi' (Prosperity through Cooperation) into reality. At its formal launch in New Delhi in February this year, Union Minister for Home and Cooperation Shri Amit Shah had announced the vision of making Bharat Taxi a nationwide platform by 2027. Following its pilot projects in Delhi-NCR, Gujarat and some other states, the initiative is now expanding rapidly. Recently, Bharat Taxi also extended its services to 14 cities in Gujarat. With the objective of expanding the cooperative mobility platform across the country—from Kashmir to Kanyakumari—the initiative is now accelerating its efforts to reach 500 cities across India in the near future. By combining cooperative values with modern technology, Bharat Taxi is emerging as an accessible, user-centric and reliable mobility platform for the future.

Based on the cooperative model, Bharat Taxi seeks to create one of the country's most trusted mobility ecosystems while providing Sarathi (drivers) with a dignified and empowering work environment. At the same time, riders are offered a transparent and safe travel experience. The cooperative initiative envisions a future driven by fair and inclusive growth, inspired by the spirit of 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' and 'Sahakar se Samriddhi'—a future where mobility services are not merely provided to people, but are owned by those who operate them. Guided by the core principle of 'Sarathi hi Maalik' (The Driver is the Owner), Bharat Taxi gives ownership to drivers, or Sarathi, in contrast to the profit-driven model of private companies. Riders are charged transparent fare, while Sarathi can gain ownership with a minimum investment of just ₹500. Through the Sahakar Taxi Cooperative Limited, the model ensures zero commission, instant payments and full ownership rights for Sarathi. This approach is strengthening the Sarathi community and instilling a renewed sense of confidence and empowerment among its members.

Bharat Taxi's growth journey is creating a wave of positive transformation for both riders and Sarathi, where improved livelihoods for drivers are going hand in hand with community development. Social security for Sarathi is being prioritised through health insurance, accident insurance, retirement savings and a dedicated driver support system. To promote women's empowerment, initiatives such as 'Bike Didi' are being implemented, under which thousands of women drivers have already joined Bharat Taxi. Bharat Taxi has emerged as the world's first and largest cooperative-based ride-hailing platform and the world's largest driver-owned mobility platform, with more than 700,000 drivers and 37 lakh users registered on the platform. An amount of approximately ₹10 crore has so far been distributed directly among drivers.

There is not merely hope, but complete confidence that this cooperative initiative will establish a benchmark for the development of healthy and sustainable practices in India's mobility sector and the protection of the interests of Sarathi—setting an example for the world. ♦♦♦

Jai Sahakar



Our farmer brothers and sisters are the pillars of the country's food security, nutrition, and prosperity. Our government is leaving no stone unturned to make their lives as easy as possible. Kisan Credit Cards are proving extremely helpful to farmers, livestock farmers, and fishermen, providing easy access to low-interest loans for farming and other needs. Our "Seed to Market" initiative is also proving very effective in ensuring fair prices for their crops.



Shri Narendra Modi
Prime Minister of India



The Modi government's "women-led development" model is writing a new chapter in the respect, security, and empowerment of women. From "Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao" to the Ujjwala Yojana's over 10 crore gas connections and over 12 crore toilets, women's dignity and convenience have been given top priority. The Mudra Yojana has connected 70% of women to self-employment through unsecured loans. "Lakhpati Didi," "Crorepati Didi," and self-help groups have empowered them financially.



Shri Amit Shah
Union Minister for
Home and Cooperation



Farmers and Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs) are the country's backbone. The agricultural sector contributes approximately 18-20% to the country's economy. In changing times, the challenges facing agriculture must be addressed through cooperation, innovation, and collective efforts.

Shri Krishan Pal Gurjar
Union Minister of State for Cooperation



Over the past five years, the cooperative sector has made remarkable progress and expanded unprecedentedly. Cooperatives, once limited to agricultural credit, are now establishing a strong presence in dairy, fisheries, sugar, transportation, and many other new sectors. From online CSC services to facilities like petrol pumps, fair price shops, and custom hiring centers, the pledge of "Prosperity through Cooperation" is becoming a reality.

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



Under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, good governance and public welfare policies have given new impetus to the digital and economic empowerment of women in the last 12 years. This transformative journey demonstrates that when women are empowered with opportunity, technology, and confidence, they not only realise their dreams but also become a powerful foundation for building a developed India. Over the years, more than 3.6 crore women have been digitally literate, 48% of startups have at least one woman director, and more than 3 crore women-led MSMEs are contributing to job creation.

Ministry of Cooperation, Government of India

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi in the 135th Episode of Mann Ki Baat

Sanskrit University to Introduce Data Science and AI Courses

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India has recently achieved several milestones that have filled every citizen with pride. These accomplishments are closely linked to the nation's security and journey towards self-reliance. Three indigenously built naval vessels—INS Dunagiri, INS Sanshodhak and INS Agray—have been inducted into the Indian Navy. Likewise, the indigenously manufactured C-295 aircraft has successfully completed its maiden flight, with 40 more aircraft currently being produced in India. In another significant achievement, the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), in collaboration with Indian companies, has successfully tested a long-range missile. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi highlighted these achievements during the 135th episode of his monthly radio programme, Mann Ki Baat.

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi highlighted the renewed role of Nalanda University, describing it as an institution that carries the legacy of thousands of years of India's civilisational heritage while embracing the future. He said the university exemplifies how a nation can remain rooted in its traditions while adapting to changing times and emerging technologies. In an era driven by technology, research and rapid advancements in artificial intelligence, Nalanda



✦ India's Resolve for Security and Self-Reliance Continues to Strengthen

✦ Military Aircraft, Naval Ships and Missiles Now Being Built Entirely in India

University has revived India's ancient tradition of Shastrarth (scholarly debate). The Prime Minister explained that Shastrarth is not merely a platform to present one's viewpoint but a disciplined process of dialogue, debate and intellectual churning.

Highlighting initiatives to equip the youth with cutting-edge technological skills while keeping them connected to India's cultural roots, Shri Modi announced that the Central Sanskrit University in Delhi will introduce a B.Tech programme in Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Data Science. He described this as a significant step towards integrating modern technology with India's traditional knowledge systems. The programme is expected to facilitate the development of new AI tools for Indian languages and accelerate

the digitisation and preservation of the country's ancient scriptures and manuscripts.

The Prime Minister shared that a group of Spanish-speaking enthusiasts has formed a team called "Brahmakamal Dominicana." The members of this group are collectively studying Vedic literature and learning to recite Vedic mantras with proper pronunciation. Remarkably, they have received no formal training. Instead, they have mastered the correct pronunciation by listening to audio recordings. Today, they are able to chant several Vedic hymns with remarkable proficiency, including the Purusha Sukam, Shri Sukam, Shri Rudram, Durga Sukam and Devi Mahatmyam. This, Shri Modi said, reflects the universal appeal of India's timeless spiritual and cultural traditions. ♦♦♦



Bharat Taxi

Set to Reach 500 Cities Soon

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Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has given the nation the mantra of '*Sahakar Se Samridhhi*' (Prosperity through Cooperation). Bharat Taxi is an important initiative towards

translating this vision into action in the mobility and transportation sector. It is emerging as a strong platform for ensuring dignity, security and prosperity for taxi drivers and mobility service providers across the country. Launched in the national capital Delhi just a few months ago, the Bharat Taxi journey has now reached Gujarat, with operations commencing in most of the state's major cities. Union Minister of Home Affairs and Cooperation Shri Amit Shah

- ✦ Bharat Taxi Service Now Operational in 14 Cities, Transforming the Lives of Its Sarathi; Over 700,000 Drivers Already Onboard
- ✦ Service Launched Across All Major Cities of Gujarat, Including Ahmedabad, Surat and Rajkot, in Two-Wheeler, Auto-Rickshaw and Four-Wheeler Categories



Government-supported Bharat Taxi is emerging as an alternative and more equitable mobility model. The cooperative taxi platform represents an effort to challenge a conventional business model in which drivers working with private app-based companies such as Ola and Uber have often faced concerns over earnings, commissions and limited ownership. Bharat Taxi seeks to address these concerns by giving its Sarathi an ownership stake in the cooperative. The platform brings drivers on board as partners and provides them with greater transparency, better earning opportunities and dignity at work through digital tools. The cooperative model also seeks to benefit passengers by promoting fair and transparent fares and reducing arbitrary increases in tariffs. In the coming days, the Bharat Taxi initiative is expected to expand further across Tier-1 and Tier-2 cities, strengthening the cooperative model in India's rapidly evolving mobility sector.

formally launched the service in Gandhinagar and expressed his resolve to expand it across the country in the near future. So far, 37 lakh people have used Bharat Taxi, while more than 700,000 Sarathi, or drivers, have joined the platform.

Addressing the gathering at the Mahatma Mandir Convention and Exhibition Centre in Gandhinagar, Gujarat, Shri Shah said that with the country's development, the need for taxi and mobility services has reached households across India. Today, the concept of taxi services is no longer limited to four-wheelers; two-wheelers,

auto-rickshaws and other urban mobility services have also become an integral part of the sector. The launch of Bharat Taxi in Gujarat, he said, will provide a new direction to the evolving mobility needs of the country through the cooperative model. Bharat Taxi aims to connect Sarathi associated with taxi, auto-rickshaw and two-wheeler mobility services with ownership, dignity, security and prosperity, while providing citizens with reliable, accessible and service-oriented mobility solutions.

Calling upon taxi drivers, or Sarathi, to actively contribute to the success of Bharat Taxi, Shri

► **Bharat Taxi is a Cooperative Owned by its Sarathi, Offering Credit Support, Insurance Security and Business Expansion Opportunities**

► **Bharat Taxi Sarathi are not just Drivers but Shareholders, Gaining Dignity, Security and Prosperity**



Amit Shah said that the platform's success will be driven by a spirit of service, the cooperative ethos and the active participation of its Sarathi. He said that by joining Bharat Taxi, Sarathi are creating a pathway towards greater prosperity, dignity and security for themselves. By turning drivers into owners while ensuring them greater respect and financial returns, Bharat Taxi is not only improving their livelihoods but also providing passengers with convenient, reliable and safe mobility services.

Over 37 lakh People Have Joined Bharat Taxi So Far

Highlighting the nationwide expansion of Bharat Taxi, Shri Amit Shah said that more than 700,000 Sarathi have joined the platform so far, including over 150,000 Sarathi from Gujarat alone. Across India, nearly 37 lakh customers have already used Bharat Taxi services, reflecting its growing popularity and public trust. He said plans are underway to expand Bharat Taxi to smaller cities, towns and villages across the country. At present, two-wheeler, auto-rickshaw and four-wheeler services are operational in 14 cities. During July, Bharat Taxi services are set to become available in several major locations, including Nagpur, Pune, Mumbai, Lucknow, Chandigarh, Jaipur and Kolkata, along with a number of other cities across the country. Over the next two years, the service is expected to expand to more than 500 cities and towns, further strengthening India's cooperative-led mobility ecosystem.

Bharat Taxi will continue to expand its services, and in the coming years, its model will be rolled out across cities and towns in all three categories—two-wheelers, auto-rickshaws and

four-wheelers. Bharat Taxi will ensure dignity and security for its Sarathi while also creating a pathway to greater prosperity. The cooperative platform will not only protect the earnings of Sarathi but will also support them in accessing credit and insurance and expanding their businesses in the future. Shri Amit Shah said that the Sarathi of

Gujarat are giving new strength to the cooperative movement by joining Bharat Taxi.

Sarathi Are Valued Partners and 'Owners' of the Cooperative

While conventional taxi platforms treat those behind the wheel as drivers, Bharat Taxi, built on the principles of cooperation,



- ✦ From Kashmir to Kanyakumari and Dwarka to Kamakhya, Bharat Taxi to emerge as a robust model for the welfare and prosperity of Sarathi
- ✦ No commission and no surge pricing, even during peak hours
- ✦ Bharat Taxi is fully funded by participating cooperative societies, with no government equity or ownership stake
- ✦ The world's first cooperative taxi service with direct ownership vested in its drivers, ensuring direct distribution of profits among Sarathi
- ✦ Democratic governance at the heart of Bharat Taxi, with Sarathi electing representatives to the Board of Directors to safeguard drivers' interests
- ✦ Social security for Sarathi prioritised through health insurance, accident cover, retirement savings and a dedicated support system
- ✦ Providing quality, safe and affordable services to passengers while ensuring better returns for Sarathi is the core objective of Bharat Taxi
- ✦ Bharat Taxi is leveraging the strength of cooperation to compete with established private players in the rapidly growing ride-hailing market



“Both the public and drivers were facing exploitation and problems in private sector taxi services. Legislation couldn’t provide a 100% solution, so we chose the cooperative model to eliminate this “exploitative” business. When people work together, extraordinary results like Amul are achieved.

-Shri Amit Shah
Union Minister for Home and Cooperation

several sectors and empowering people with greater rights and economic opportunities. Citing the example of Amul, Union Minister of Home Affairs and Cooperation Shri Amit Shah said that rural women dairy farmers who joined the cooperative system with a share contribution of just ₹100 are today partners in Amul, a trusted global food brand with a turnover of around ₹1.25 lakh crore. Amul has demonstrated that a vast economic ecosystem can be built through the cooperative model—one that is free from intermediaries and exploitation, while ensuring complete transparency. Shri Shah emphasised that this model has helped eliminate exploitation in the dairy sector and ensured that the hard-earned income of dairy farmers reaches their bank accounts directly.

Similarly, cooperative organisations such as IFFCO and KRIBHCO meet around 35 per cent of the country’s fertiliser requirements, representing another major success story of the cooperative movement. Shri Shah said India has created numerous successful examples in the cooperative sector. Amul had to compete with private dairy companies, while IFFCO, KRIBHCO and NDDB also faced competition from private enterprises. Yet, these institutions succeeded by drawing strength from the cooperative model, transparency and public trust, demonstrating the ability of cooperatives to build sustainable and competitive economic institutions.

Cooperatives Making Inroads into the Transport Sector

Bharat Taxi is an effort to extend India’s successful cooperative tradition into the transportation and mobility sector. Addressing

refers to them as Sarathi. This is not merely a difference in terminology but reflects a fundamental difference in approach. Sarathi are not simply service providers; they are valued partners and ‘owners’ of the cooperative institution. The core objective of Bharat Taxi is to protect both Sarathi and customers from exploitation, improve service quality and establish a fairer and more equitable system in the mobility sector.

Over the past few years, app-based taxi services have faced several complaints and concerns. These have included cases of excessive commissions being deducted from Sarathi’ earnings, delays in payments,

and suspension or termination of registrations without adequate grievance redressal. A well-designed institutional model can often provide a sustainable solution to such challenges. It is with this approach that Bharat Taxi has been conceived as a cooperative-led mobility platform, placing fairness, shared ownership and the interests of both Sarathi and customers at the centre of its operating model.

Cooperatives Have Empowered Rural Communities and Created Prosperity

Cooperatives have played a transformative role in India by eliminating exploitation across

According to the Ministry of Cooperation, the Bharat Taxi initiative aims to expand access to digital platforms, enhance transparency and create better earning opportunities for drivers. With a simple onboarding process, streamlined operations and consistent demand for rides, the initiative seeks to build a sustainable and inclusive mobility system that benefits both drivers and passengers. This cooperative and technology-driven model is expected to become a key pillar of India's evolving urban transportation ecosystem and help shape the future of mobility in the country.



questions about how such an ambitious initiative would be funded and supported, Shri Amit Shah said that the Government held consultations with leading cooperative institutions across the country and called upon them to join this important initiative. He said it is a matter of great satisfaction that leading cooperative institutions, including NCDC, IFFCO, KRIBHCO, NDDB, NABARD, NCEL and Amul, have collectively decided to establish a cooperative institution owned by Sarathi in the mobility sector. The initiative aims to create a strong, transparent and Saarthi-centric cooperative alternative capable of competing effectively with large private companies in the country's transportation and mobility market.

Bharat Taxi: A Fair and Transparent Mobility System

Shri Amit Shah said that with the arrival of Bharat Taxi, some private companies are attempting to push it out of the market through

unfair competition by deliberately operating at a loss. He said these companies are trying to create market pressure by temporarily reducing fares and offering higher commissions to Sarathi. Their objective, he noted, is merely to slow down the growth of Bharat Taxi so that they can eventually drive it out of the market and resume arbitrary practices. Shri Shah made it clear that this attempt will never succeed and that Bharat Taxi will continue to move forward with its commitment to service, the strength of cooperation and the trust of its Sarathi. He said such strategies may work in some countries, but they will not succeed in India because the country's ethos is rooted in cooperation, service and the welfare of all. Here, the collective interest is given precedence over individual gain.

Success of Bharat Taxi is Our Collective Responsibility

Addressing Sarathi who have worked with various companies over the years, Shri Amit Shah

said that they have experienced situations where decisions were taken without hearing their concerns, their earnings were reduced and their hard work did not receive due recognition. He assured them that Bharat Taxi would never exploit them because it is not an external company but their own cooperative institution. Shri Shah said that the greatest responsibility for making Bharat Taxi successful rests with its Sarathi. If decisions are made solely on the basis of immediate gains, he cautioned, they could once again face the same exploitation that Bharat Taxi was established to overcome. He emphasised that Bharat Taxi belongs to its Sarathi and has been created to protect them from exploitation, ensure dignity and create greater prosperity. Going forward, the cooperative will also support its members by facilitating access to credit, providing insurance coverage and helping them expand their businesses.

Appealing to both Sarathi and

Bharat Taxi to Reach 125 Cities by March

Following its launch in the Delhi-NCR region, Bharat Taxi has now commenced operations in 14 major cities of Gujarat, including Ahmedabad, Surat, Vadodara, Rajkot, Jamnagar, Bhavnagar and Dwarka. The target is to expand the service across the entire state within the next month. The cooperative platform has been established in line with the vision of '*Sahakar Se Samridhhi*' to provide an alternative to the dominance of private cab companies and address concerns related to the exploitation of drivers and passengers. Gujarat has historically been a stronghold of India's cooperative movement, which has contributed to the significant support the taxi service is receiving in the state.

Even before the formal launch of Bharat Taxi in Gujarat, the platform received strong support during its soft launch in December 2025, when more than 150,000 Sarathi and over 700,000 customers joined the platform. By March 2027, Bharat Taxi is planned to expand its operations nationally to 125 cities and 30 major urban centres, marking a significant step towards building a cooperative-led mobility network across India.

Zero-Commission Model: Unlike private aggregator companies that have established a dominant presence in the market, Bharat Taxi has been built entirely on a zero-commission model, in keeping with the core principles of cooperation. This means that drivers, referred to as Sarathi, retain the full amount of their earnings.

Freedom from Surge Pricing: One of the biggest advantages for passengers is that, unlike private taxi platforms, Bharat Taxi does not impose any additional surcharge during peak hours, heavy rains or other periods of high demand. Surge pricing is completely



prohibited under the service.

Social Security: At Bharat Taxi, Sarathi are treated not merely as partners but as 'owners' of the cooperative. They are provided access to benefits such as health insurance, accident insurance, easy credit and pension-related facilities, strengthening their social and financial security.

Safety Partnership with Police: To ensure passenger safety, Bharat Taxi has established special safety integrations with the Delhi Police in Delhi-NCR and local police authorities in Gujarat. Another passenger-friendly feature is the availability of bike, auto-rickshaw and cab bookings on the platform. Women passengers can also book rides with women Sarathi, with dedicated safety arrangements in place to enhance their security.

Strong Cooperative Support: Bharat Taxi has been developed by Sahakar Taxi Cooperative Limited and is supported by eight major cooperative institutions of the country, including Amul, IFFCO, NABARD and NCDC. This strong institutional backing provides the platform with a robust cooperative foundation as it expands across India's mobility sector.

customers, Shri Shah said that if the country wants a long-term, reliable and fair transportation system, making Bharat Taxi successful is a collective responsibility.

MoUs Signed to Expand Bharat Taxi

To facilitate the expansion and smooth operation of Bharat Taxi, Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) were exchanged with various institutions. These included the Airports Authority of India, Rajkot; Airports Authority

of India, Surat; Gujarat Metro Rail Corporation; Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation and Bus Rapid Transit System; Gujarat State Cooperative Bank; Adani Airports; Gujarat Traffic Police; Ahmedabad Division of Western Railway; and Vadodara Airport.

At the event, share certificates were also distributed to the best-performing Sarathi in recognition of their contribution. The programme was attended by Gujarat Chief Minister Shri

Bhupendrabhai Patel, Deputy Chief Minister Shri Harsh Sanghavi, Gujarat Minister of Cooperation Shri Jitubhai Vaghani, Gujarat Minister of State for Cooperation Shri Rameshbhai Katara, Secretary, Ministry of Cooperation, Dr Ashish Kumar Bhutani, Chief Secretary of Gujarat Shri Manoj Das, and Bharat Taxi Chairman Dr Jayen Mehta, along with senior representatives and officials from the cooperative sector and a large number of Sarathi. ♦♦♦



PM Family Care Tracker Pilot Project Launched in Gandhinagar

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nder the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, the

Government of India has brought about a transformative change in the country's healthcare sector. A wide range of initiatives has been launched to meet the nation's evolving healthcare needs—from expanding medical education by increasing the number of medical seats, to providing free treatment of up to ₹5 lakh for crores of citizens, ensuring access to affordable medicines, strengthening health infrastructure, and reviving India's traditional systems of wellness through AYUSH.



★ Integrated with Birth and Death Records, the PM Family Care Tracker Will Assign a Unique ID to Every Child, Ensuring Automatic and Timely Delivery of Government Benefits

To strengthen the monitoring and effective implementation of

these initiatives, Union Minister of Home Affairs and Cooperation Shri

Amit Shah launched the PM Family Care Tracker (FCT) pilot project in Gandhinagar, Gujarat. The integrated digital dashboard will combine multiple data sources to ensure that the benefits of Central and State welfare schemes reach eligible families directly at their doorstep. It will establish a unified monitoring system that enables authorities to accurately identify vulnerable and deserving beneficiaries, ensuring focused attention and timely delivery of government services.

Marking the beginning of a significant new chapter in technology-driven governance in the healthcare sector, Shri Amit Shah said that the initiative would enable the government to effectively track the delivery of welfare benefits to every eligible beneficiary. He explained that the platform will integrate multiple databases with birth and death records, while assigning every child a unique identification number. The PM Family Care Tracker will serve as the foundation of this integrated system, ensuring that eligible citizens receive the benefits of all government health schemes in a timely and seamless manner. During the event, Shri Shah also administered polio drops to children, distributed nutrition kits, and flagged off the PM e-Bus Service, reaffirming the government's commitment to strengthening public healthcare, child welfare and sustainable urban transport.

Holistic and Inclusive Development Since 2014

Shri Amit Shah said that under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, India has witnessed transformational change across every sector since 2014. He noted that the Prime Minister has charted a new course of holistic and inclusive development, ensuring that the benefits of progress reach every section of society. He said



Shri Amit Shah said that the Modi Government ushered in a new era of welfare delivery by introducing the Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) system. He noted that issues affecting millions of poor families for generations have been addressed within just twelve years under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. He highlighted that during this period, the Government has provided pucca houses, electricity connections, tap water, household toilets, LPG connections, five kilograms of free food grains, free medical treatment of up to ₹5 lakh, and medicines at discounts of up to 90 percent to crores of economically weaker citizens. Shri Shah said that, for the first time since Independence, millions of people have received their rightful share of government welfare directly, ensuring that the benefits of development reach those who need them most.

the Modi Government has not only formulated long-term policies across diverse sectors but has also established robust monitoring mechanisms to ensure their timely and effective implementation. Significant progress has been made in strengthening national security, preserving India's cultural heritage, reforming the education system, expanding the economy, building world-class infrastructure, advancing self-reliance, and continuously refining public policies in line with changing

national needs.

Shri Shah further stated that the Government has adopted a comprehensive approach to improving the quality of life of millions of poor citizens. He highlighted that every rupee allocated by the Government for the welfare of the poor is now transferred directly to beneficiaries through the Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) system, ensuring transparency, efficiency and the elimination of leakages in the delivery of welfare benefits. ♦♦♦

Addressing the G7 Summit in France, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Says India Has Given the World the Message of 'One Earth, One Family, One Future'

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At a time when the world faces increasingly complex global challenges,

stronger international partnerships are essential for advancing humanity's progress and shared prosperity. Trade and technology, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi said, must be harnessed for the collective good of all. Addressing the G7 Summit in Évian, France, the Prime Minister reaffirmed that India has always followed the principle of "Humanity First" in its engagement with the world.

Highlighting India's approach to global cooperation, Shri Modi said this philosophy has been at the core of the country's international initiatives, including the International Solar Alliance, the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI), the Global Biofuels Alliance, Mission LIFE (Lifestyle for Environment), and the 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' campaign.

Highlighting India's journey of inclusive and sustainable development, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi said that the guiding principle of "Sarva Jana Hitaya, Sarva Jana Sukhaya" (for the welfare and happiness of all) has driven the country's efforts to promote financial inclusion, health security, digital identity, technology-enabled empowerment and women-led development. Calling for a shift in



★ Dialogue and Diplomacy Must Be Prioritised in International Partnerships to Promote Peace and Stability

the nature of global cooperation, the Prime Minister urged the international community to move beyond the traditional "donor-recipient" approach towards a model based on equal partnership and shared responsibility.

Describing the message emerging from the G7 Summit as one of significance for all humanity, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi said that the question of growth today extends far beyond GDP. The real challenge, he said, is to determine who benefits from growth, who participates in it, and the direction it takes. The Prime Minister noted that when India progresses, nearly 16 percent of the world's population moves forward with it. Therefore, India's growth story is not merely

a national success but a story of inclusive development, large-scale transformation and democratic empowerment for humanity.

Shri Modi said that over the past twelve years, India has advanced on the guiding principle of "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, Sabka Prayas" (Together with All, Development for All, Trust of All, Efforts by All). He added that this philosophy also underpins India's approach to global partnerships. Recalling India's G20 Presidency, the Prime Minister said the country presented the world with the vision of "One Earth, One Family, One Future." He emphasised that this was not merely a slogan but an expression of India's civilisational belief that the entire world is one family. ♦♦♦

PM Shri Narendra Modi Addresses the Indian Community in Paris

Calls Upon the Indian Diaspora to Become Partners in the Journey Towards a Viksit Bharat

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India's talent, skills and spirit of innovation are helping the world address the challenges of the digital age. The Indian diaspora should actively contribute to India's progress and become partners in the nation's journey towards a Viksit Bharat, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi said while addressing the Indian community in Paris. Highlighting the vital role of the diaspora in connecting Indian innovation and ideas with global markets and in strengthening the India-France Special Global Strategic Partnership, the Prime Minister noted that people-to-people ties between the two countries have grown significantly. An increasing number of Indian students, professionals and tourists are choosing France as their destination, further deepening bilateral relations.

Appreciating the steps taken to facilitate easier movement of citizens between the two countries, Shri Modi said that the growing acceptance of Unified Payments Interface (UPI) in France would enhance tourism and strengthen economic and cultural exchanges between India and France. The Prime Minister also highlighted India's transformational progress over the past twelve years, citing achievements in inclusive development, women-led development, human-centric artificial intelligence and cutting-edge technologies.

Shri Modi further said that India's



★ Indian Diaspora Has a Key Role in Taking India's Innovation and Ideas to Global Markets

trade agreements with the United Kingdom and the European Union will create new opportunities for Indian workers, farmers, innovators and entrepreneurs by expanding access to global markets and strengthening economic cooperation. Referring to India's participation in 'India Innovates 2026' in Nice and 'VivaTech 2026' in Paris, the Prime Minister said that India is steadily emerging as the technology partner of choice for the global community.

Shri Modi said that India has witnessed unprecedented progress across multiple sectors. During these twelve years, the country's GDP has doubled, while the number of airports and universities has also doubled. The pace of highway construction has tripled, and the

country's metro rail network has expanded fourfold. He further noted that India's defence exports have increased thirty-five times, while the number of mobile manufacturing units has grown a hundredfold. As a result, India has emerged as the world's second-largest mobile phone manufacturer.

Shri Modi said that today's India, particularly its youth, is driven by bigger aspirations and greater confidence. Indian farmers are embracing new opportunities with innovation and resilience, while women are assuming leadership roles across diverse sectors. The Prime Minister said that villages across India today have access to electricity, internet connectivity and a wide range of digital services. ♦♦♦

Shri Amit Shah Launches NAFED's E-Auction Portal

Online Sale of Agricultural Produce to Eliminate Middlemen and Ensure Full Benefits for Farmers



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Government of India has remained committed to the welfare and prosperity of farmers. Over the past few years, the necessary infrastructure has been developed for the direct procurement of pulses, maize and other agricultural commodities. To ensure that the benefits of this infrastructure reach farmers in rural India, the National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India (NAFED) and the National Cooperative Consumers' Federation of India (NCCF) must work with determination and complete transparency. This will help farmers secure fair and remunerative prices, encourage greater cultivation of pulses and ultimately help India

- ✦ NCCF and NAFED to Procure Every Grain of Pulses Directly from Farmers Over the Next Two Years
- ✦ Digital Auction Platform to Strengthen Transparency, Efficiency and Accountability in the Sale of Agricultural Produce
- ✦ NAFED, Now Serving 74 lakh Farmers with a Profit of ₹500 Crore, Was on the Verge of Closure in 2014
- ✦ NAFED Launches Scholarship Scheme for Higher Education and Careers of Farmers' Children; A Share of Its Profits Will Be Allocated to Farmer Families
- ✦ NAFED Has Expanded Beyond Agricultural Procurement to Excel in Organic Farming, Seed Production, Retail, Bio-Fertiliser Manufacturing, Food Security and International Trade

achieve self-reliance in pulses.

Union Minister for Home and Cooperation Shri Amit Shah expressed these views in New Delhi while launching NAFED's digital e-auction platform. The portal aims to directly connect farmers and cooperative institutions with buyers across the country and make the sale of agricultural produce more transparent, digital and competitive. Through the platform, farmers and cooperative societies will be able to auction their produce online, reducing the role of intermediaries and providing farmers with better access to markets. The portal will also provide an integrated digital platform to streamline auction-related activities and make NAFED's overall functioning more efficient and responsive to the interests of farmers, member institutions and other stakeholders.

NAFED plays a significant role in supporting farmers and strengthening agricultural marketing, procurement and cooperative-led agricultural trade. It has launched four major initiatives—NAFEX.in, Drishti, ERP and NAFED Kalyan. These digital and welfare-oriented initiatives are aligned with Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's vision of '*Sahakar Se Samridhi*' and the Government's efforts to empower cooperative institutions through technology, transparency and farmer-centric reforms.

India to Become Self-Reliant in Pulses

Shri Amit Shah said these initiatives are crucial for digitising the entire process from the farm to the farmer's bank account, eliminating the role of intermediaries, ensuring that farmers receive the full value of their produce, and helping India achieve self-reliance in pulses. He said NAFED has witnessed substantial growth in both production and procurement and is no longer



NAFED to Provide Scholarships for Higher Education to Farmers' Children

Shri Amit Shah launched a scholarship scheme under NAFED's 'Kalyan' initiative to support the higher education and career development of farmers' children. He inaugurated the scheme by distributing scholarships to meritorious students from farmer families. Under the initiative, NAFED has decided to allocate one per cent of its profits towards scholarships for the higher education and career development of children from farmer families. Shri Shah said the initiative will help address the financial challenges faced by farmers' children in pursuing higher education and building their careers. The initiative reflects NAFED's commitment to farmer welfare and supporting the educational aspirations of farmers' children, while ensuring that the benefits of the cooperative sector's growth reach farmer families.

limited to the procurement of agricultural produce. Over the past three years, the organisation has performed strongly in areas such as organic farming, seed production, retail business, bio-fertiliser manufacturing, food security and international trade. These initiatives have enhanced NAFED's relevance and strengthened its profitability. The organisation has emerged as a robust, financially strong and self-reliant institution.

In 2014, when NAFED was facing a severe financial crisis and stood on the verge of closure, the Government of India, under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, decided to revive and operate the organisation with

complete transparency. Financial assistance was provided to NAFED, enabling it to regain its strength and emerge as a financially sound institution. Shri Amit Shah said that when the Ministry of Cooperation was established, NAFED had a turnover of ₹20,000 crore, which has now increased to ₹30,000 crore. He expressed confidence that the organisation's turnover will cross ₹50,000 crore over the next two years. He further said that NAFED is currently serving more than 74 lakh farmers while generating a profit of ₹500 crore. Its net profit has increased from ₹139 crore to ₹405 crore, while its total assets have grown substantially from ₹358 crore to ₹2,050 crore. ♦♦♦

Addressing the Republic Summit, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Says:

The Government is Empowering the Poor and Middle Class

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The country has emerged from a period of despair and entered an era of confidence and opportunities. The Aspirational Districts and Aspirational Blocks programmes have transformed some of most backward regions into engines of development. These initiatives have played a significant role in improving life of millions of citizens and expanding opportunities for them. The government is making every possible effort to empower the poor and the middle class. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi said this while addressing the Republic Summit in New Delhi. Referring to nearly 25 crore people having come out of poverty in recent years and the emergence of a large number of new middle class, Shri Modi said that eradicating poverty is not merely a welfare objective but also a means of promoting development aspirations and social progress.

Highlighting that the government's focus over the past decade has been on the middle class, Shri Modi said that making life easier for middle-class families has remained a key priority. Referring to stalled housing projects, he said that a special fund of ₹25,000 crore had been created to help complete delayed residential projects. As a result, thousands of homes have been handed over to homebuyers across the country. Access to affordable housing finance, digital services and improved urban infrastructure has



✦ **Approximately 25 crore people have been lifted out of poverty in recent years**

significantly enhanced the quality of life of citizens. Measures such as the Special Window for Affordable and Mid-Income Housing (SWAMIH) Fund have helped complete and deliver thousands of stalled housing units to homebuyers.

Shri Modi said that tax relief measures have substantially increased the tax-free income threshold, thereby enhancing people's disposable income. The tax system has been simplified through reforms such as technology-driven online filing and the faceless assessment mechanism. These measures have reduced the burden while increasing transparency.

Highlighting that India's youth, entrepreneurs, innovators and start-ups are at the forefront of seizing new opportunities in a rapidly changing global environment, the Prime Minister reiterated the government's commitment to reforms, innovation

and citizen-centric governance, guided by the principle of "Nation First." The Prime Minister said that the world is witnessing unprecedented changes that are challenging conventional ways of functioning while simultaneously creating new opportunities for growth and innovation.

The government stands firmly with the people on this journey of transformation. The country is advancing rapidly on the path of development, and this momentum will only accelerate further. The dream of a 'Viksit Bharat' will be realised through the collective efforts and aspirations of 140 crore Indians. The decisions being taken and the steps being initiated today are laying the foundation for the country's future for centuries to come. India has emerged not only as one of the world's fastest-growing economies but also as a reliable and trusted global partner.

Review of projects worth ₹30,000 crore at the 52nd PRAGATI meeting

Pending Issues Must be Resolved in 'Mission Mode': PM Shri Narendra Modi

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Delays in infrastructure projects not only escalate costs but also deprive people and industries of timely benefits. The concerned Ministries and State Governments should resolve pending issues in mission mode and ensure their continuous monitoring. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi said this while reviewing key infrastructure projects worth more than ₹30,000 crore related to the road, power, industrial corridor and metro rail sectors, spread across four States, during the 52nd meeting of PRAGATI.

Emphasising the use of the PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan for effective planning and timely implementation of infrastructure projects, Shri Modi said that the latest ground-level status should be visible so that bottlenecks can be identified in advance, coordination among various agencies can be improved, and decisions can be taken on the basis of reliable, real-time data. He also stressed the need for regular and timely updating of project details, utilities, infrastructure layers, approvals and other field-level information on the portal.

Emphasis on the Use of the Latest Digital Technologies, Including AI

Reviewing the TB Mukht Bharat Abhiyan and emphasising the need to leverage the latest digital



★ Emphasis on the effective use of the PM Gati Shakti Master Plan for concrete planning and time-bound implementation

technologies, including Artificial Intelligence (AI), the Prime Minister suggested constituting a team of NCC cadets and MY Bharat volunteers to support awareness generation, patient follow-up and community participation.

Reviewing complaints related to cybercrime and digital arrests, he expressed concern over the growing misuse of digital platforms to defraud citizens and said that such cases should be dealt with in a coordinated, sensitive and time-bound manner by all concerned agencies. People should not have to move from one department or agency to another to seek redressal of their grievances. He also stressed the need for clear

accountability, prompt response, better coordination among law enforcement agencies, banks and digital platforms and further strengthening of public awareness campaigns.

Describing timely action as extremely crucial to prevent financial losses in cases of cyber fraud and to restore public confidence, the Prime Minister urged all stakeholders to work together to strengthen the mechanisms for prevention, reporting, investigation and grievance redressal. He also said that States should work towards implementing the e-Zero FIR system to ensure prompt registration and swift response in cases of cyber fraud. ♦♦♦

Govt Committed to Preserving Heritage Alongside Development: Shri Amit Shah



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Across the country, a cultural renaissance is taking place under the mantra of “Vikas Bhi, Virasat Bhi”. All the Jyotirlinga and Shakti Peetha temples in Maharashtra are being redeveloped, which is a matter of great pride for all of us. Union Home and Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah expressed these views while addressing a public function in Kolhapur, Maharashtra. Shri Shah said that the Government of Maharashtra has initiated significant work for the restoration and development of the Mata Ambabai Mahalakshmi Temple, which was established centuries ago in the sacred Karveer Kshetra

- ✦ Prime Minister Modi’s tenure will be recorded in history for achievements spanning development, cultural renaissance, a secure India and global respect
- ✦ The commencement of the Ambabai Mahalakshmi Temple Corridor project, costing ₹1,500 crore, once again marks the beginning of an era of governance of faith and culture in Maharashtra

of Kolhapur. He said that this initiative has once again elevated the rule of dharma and cultural awareness in Maharashtra to new heights.

Under this project, a corridor will be developed over an area of more than 28,000 square metres at a cost of ₹1,500 crore. Upon completion of the project, this sacred pilgrimage site in Kolhapur

will be transformed into a fully developed pilgrimage destination within six months. This will not only revive the devotion of lakhs of devotees of Mata Ambabai but will also provide an opportunity to preserve and promote the rich cultural history of Kolhapur and Maharashtra, particularly inspiring the younger generation.

During the redevelopment of

this ancient temple, established in the 7th century, special attention is also being given to the conservation of around 41 small and large temples in the surrounding area in consultation with the Archaeological Department. Shri Amit Shah said that while equipping the temple complex with modern amenities, it will also be provided with AI-based security cameras, LED lighting, an outdoor gallery, a heritage walkway, a light and sound show, a multipurpose hall, an Annachhatra, a police outpost and a heritage courtyard, along with comprehensive facilities for pilgrims. He said that the development and promotion of these sacred sites, which are invaluable treasures of India's history, faith and culture, are a source of inspiration for every citizen of the country.

Many Impossible Tasks Completed in Past 12 Years

Shri Amit Shah said that since Shri Narendra Modi became the Prime Minister of India in 2014, many tasks that were once considered impossible have been accomplished. He said that when the history of independent India is written, the years of Shri Modi's tenure will be remembered for India's development, cultural renaissance, the creation of a secure nation, and the enhancement of India's stature on the global stage. Under Shri Modi's leadership, significant work has not only been initiated but also successfully completed in several areas, ranging from strengthening the country's border security to preserving and promoting Indian languages and culture. He said that the grand Ram Temple in Ayodhya has been constructed in all its divine magnificence. In addition, the Kashi Vishwanath Corridor has been completed, while Kedardham and Badrinath Dham have been



redeveloped. In Gujarat, the Somnath Temple is once again being adorned with gold. The Maa Kamakhya Corridor is also under construction in Assam, and the restoration and corridor development work of the Ambabai Mahalakshmi Temple is now underway.

Along with ensuring India's security, the Modi Government has carried out unprecedented work across multiple sectors. In addition to promoting rural and urban development, the Ministry of Cooperation was established to

strengthen the agricultural sector through cooperative initiatives. New benchmarks have been set in urban planning, and the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme has been introduced to position India as a global manufacturing hub. Concrete steps have also been taken to propel India to new heights in sectors such as semiconductors, quantum engineering, software, data centres and new-age technologies.



Odisha gifted development projects worth over ₹47,600 crore

Progress of Eastern India is essential for The Nation's Development: PM Shri Modi



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Odisha is emerging as the gateway to development and prosperity in eastern India.

The State will play a vital role in India's journey towards becoming a developed nation. The Government is transforming Odisha's abundant resources into opportunities for growth and prosperity. The development of eastern India is indispensable for the development of India. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi expressed these views while inaugurating and laying the foundation stones for various development projects worth more than ₹47,600 crore at a programme organised in Rairangpur, Mayurbhanj district of Odisha, to mark two years of the State Government.

Purvodaya Policy Unlocks Region's Vast Potential

Referring to the Central Government's 'Purvodaya'

- ✦ The aspirations of Odisha and India are aligned, a strong Odisha will contribute to building a strong India
- ✦ Tribal youth are being connected to education and employment opportunities to foster the development of the tribal community

policy, which is bringing to the forefront the immense potential of the eastern States, Shri Modi said that the Central and State Governments are working together to fully harness these strengths through record investments in railway infrastructure, highways, economic corridors, ports, energy, semiconductors, green energy, and modern industries. Transformative projects worth nearly ₹47,000 crore will significantly improve transport connectivity, public services, economic opportunities, and the overall quality of life for the people of Odisha. This will further accelerate the pace of development.

'Utkarsh Odisha' Initiative Attracts Investment Proposals Worth ₹20 Lakh Crore

Referring to initiatives such as 'Utkarsh Odisha', the Prime Minister said that under this initiative, Odisha has already received investment proposals worth nearly ₹20 lakh crore, while projects worth more than ₹3.5 lakh crore are currently in the implementation stage. Continuous efforts are being made to create an industry-friendly environment with a focus on the State's overall development. An investment of more than ₹6,000 crore is being made in the power sector, while urban development is being

accelerated through the 'Samruddha Sahar Yojana'. These initiatives will yield significant results in the coming years. The administration is being taken directly to the people so that citizens do not have to move from one office to another for the resolution of their problems. As a result, the aspirations of youth, women, farmers, and ordinary citizens are being fulfilled at a rapid pace, leading to an improvement in their standard of living.

Shri Modi highlighted the several flagship welfare initiatives of the Odisha Government, including procurement of paddy at the rate of ₹3,100 per quintal, financial assistance to more than one crore women under the 'Subhadra Yojana', expanded access to healthcare through Ayushman Bharat, support for tribal students under the Madho Singh Haat Kharcha Yojana and the reopening of all four gates of the Shri Jagannath Temple. Shri Modi also praised the cleanliness campaign carried out across the region and described the 'Swachhata ke Madhyam se Swagat' initiative as highly commendable.

Government's Top Priority: Development of Tribal Communities

Speaking about tribal welfare, Prime Minister Shri Modi recalled his long association with tribal regions and said that these areas had historically been deprived of basic services and infrastructure. Therefore, tribal development has become the highest priority of his government. Under the Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan, departments related to health, education, roads, and housing are working in coordination to improve the standard of living in tribal villages. Referring to the PM JANMAN Mission, Shri Modi said that it has been specifically designed for Particularly Vulnerable Tribal



Groups (PVTGs). It ensures that government services reach the doorsteps of the most deprived tribal communities. Emphasising the importance of education and employment opportunities for tribal youth, he said that nearly 500 Eklavya Model Residential Schools have already been established across the country, while around 750 schools have been approved. More than 1.5 crore tribal students have received scholarships worth hundreds of crores of rupees at the pre-matric and post-matric levels. Approval has also been granted for opening another Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya in Mayurbhanj district.

Mentioning diseases such as sickle cell anaemia among tribal communities, Shri Modi said that the government has launched a nationwide campaign against the disease. More than 4 crore health cards have been distributed, and Ayushman Cards have been provided to lakhs of tribal beneficiaries. At the same time, the Jal Jeevan Mission is supplying safe drinking water

to households across the country, including those in tribal areas. Stating that the aspirations of Odisha and India are one and the same, Shri Modi said that a strong Odisha will contribute to building a strong India.

During the visit, the Prime Minister, accompanied by President Smt Droupadi Murmu, reached Pahadpur village in Mayurbhanj district and announced that the village would be developed as a solar village, ensuring solar power generation in every household. Citing the example of Odisha's renowned Konark Sun Temple, he expressed confidence that Pahadpur would emerge as a model solar-powered village. Addressing a programme organised to mark two years of the State Government, the Prime Minister said that the double-engine government is accelerating the pace of the State's development and bringing positive changes to the lives of ordinary citizens through welfare schemes, investments, industrial development, and employment opportunities. ♦♦♦

Initiative regarding the construction & implementation of the Yamuna project

Major agreement between Haryana and Rajasthan concerning Yamuna water

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significant agreement has been reached between the Governments

of Rajasthan and Haryana regarding the construction and implementation of the Yamuna Water Project. The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was finalised at Kartavya Bhavan, New Delhi, in the presence of Union Home and Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah. On the occasion, Shri Shah said that the agreement has resolved a nearly three-decade-old water-related issue affecting the people of Haryana and Rajasthan. He said that the project will benefit both states by strengthening the supply of drinking water. It will also provide fresh momentum to agriculture, industry, and trade, while improving groundwater levels. Shri Shah added that the agreement would greatly help address the drinking water problem in both Rajasthan and Haryana, particularly in Rajasthan.

Shri Shah said that the agreement is an excellent example of the effective implementation of cooperative federalism and the strong coordination between the Government of India and the states under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. He said that it also demonstrates that even a three-decade-old issue can be resolved smoothly if states work together in the spirit of cooperative



✦ This agreement ensures the provision of drinking water to the Sikar, Churu, and Jhunjhunu districts of Rajasthan, as well as the Bhiwani and Fatehabad regions of Haryana

federalism. According to Shri Shah, the agreement represents a true win-win situation for both states. Under its provisions, approximately 5,800 lakh cubic metres of water will be transported from the Yamuna Canal to Rajasthan between July and October through three underground pipelines. Each of these pipelines will have a diameter of more than 3.6 metres.

Shri Shah said that the framework of the agreement prepared by the Governments of Haryana, Rajasthan, and particularly the Central Water Commission, will serve as a dispute-free model for many decades to come. He said that once implemented, the agreement

will ensure the supply of drinking water to the districts of Sikar, Churu and Jhunjhunu in Rajasthan, as well as Bhiwani and Fatehabad in Haryana. The objective of the project is to convey Rajasthan's share of Yamuna water from the Western Yamuna Canal through underground pipelines. This will enable Rajasthan to effectively utilise the surface water allocated to it under the 1994 Agreement on water sharing for the Upper Yamuna Basin. The project will ensure a continuous supply of drinking water to the drought-prone and low-rainfall regions of Rajasthan, thereby promoting the state's socio-economic development. ♦♦♦

Three warships inducted into Indian Navy in Kolkata

Self-reliance is Indispensable for Safeguarding Prosperity and Building the Future: PM Shri Modi



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There was a time when India was among the world's largest importers of defence equipment, creating significant strategic and security challenges. Since 2014, determined efforts have been made to transform this situation through major policy reforms and a strong emphasis on achieving self-reliance in defence manufacturing. Security is indispensable for safeguarding prosperity, while self-reliance is essential for building the future. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi made these remarks while dedicating to the nation three indigenously designed and built naval vessels, INS Dunagiri, INS Sanshodhak, and INS Agray, at the

✦ The launch of INS Dunagiri, INS Sanshodhak and INS Agray stands as a testament to India's commitment to self-reliance

Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port in Kolkata.

Highlighting India's remarkable progress in defence manufacturing, the Prime Minister noted that the country's total defence production stood at approximately ₹40,000 crore in 2014. Today, it has increased to nearly ₹1.8 lakh crore, reflecting substantial progress towards building a strong, self-reliant, and globally competitive defence industry. He stated that the achievements of the past 12 years demonstrate how transformative change becomes possible when policies are clear, the direction is well-defined, and

all stakeholders work together with a shared commitment to national development.

West Bengal Emerging as a Hub for Blue Economy and Maritime Manufacturing

Highlighting India's rich maritime heritage, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi said that whenever the country's maritime legacy is discussed, West Bengal naturally occupies a prominent place. Bengal has historically played a pivotal role in shaping India's maritime links with the rest of the world. The waters of the Hooghly River have witnessed changing chapters of history, the growth of trade,

and new journeys of economic development. In the years ahead, West Bengal is poised to emerge as a major hub for India's Blue Economy, maritime manufacturing, logistics and coastal development.

The Prime Minister emphasised that India has always viewed the oceans as a medium for cooperation, connectivity, and shared prosperity. INS Agray, INS Dunagiri and INS Sanshodhak embody these very ideals. They represent a nation that is increasingly confident in its capabilities, assured of its strength, and firmly committed to moving forward in the twenty-first century with renewed energy and purpose. Built with more than 75% indigenous content, these naval vessels stand as a strong testament to India's unwavering commitment to self-reliance.

Development, Security and Prosperity Closely Linked to Oceans

Referring to June 21 being observed as World Hydrography Day, Shri Modi described it as a remarkable coincidence that INS Sanshodhak, India's most advanced hydrographic survey vessel, was commissioned into service on the same day. He said that this achievement reflects India's growing technological capabilities and maritime strength. Emphasising the importance of maritime power in the modern world, the Prime Minister stated that no nation can emerge as a major global power without strong maritime capabilities. Development, security and prosperity are intrinsically connected with the oceans.

A majority of global trade is conducted through sea routes. Vast global data networks operate beneath the oceans. Critical minerals, deep-sea resources and the future sources of energy will increasingly be linked to the maritime domain. The



economic and strategic influence of any nation is directly connected to the strength of its maritime sector. India fully recognises this reality and is preparing accordingly. The commissioning of these three naval vessels is a testament to the country's growing capabilities and expertise.

Recalling the commissioning of India's first indigenous aircraft carrier, INS Vikrant, Shri Modi said that it marked the beginning of a new chapter in India's maritime journey and demonstrated to the world the growing strength of the Indian Navy. The journey from INS Vikrant to the commissioning of INS Agray, INS Dunagiri and INS Sanshodhak is not merely the story of new warships, but also a symbol of India's increasing self-reliance. These three vessels represent India's commitment to indigenous design, construction and innovation.

Designed and built in India, these ships showcase the talent of Indian industries, the expertise of Indian engineers and the tireless efforts of Indian workers. India does not aspire to remain merely a buyer in the defence sector. The strength of a nation's military is measured not by its dependence on global markets, but by its ability to become self-reliant. India aims to become both a producer and a manufacturer,

because nations that manufacture play a decisive role on the global stage.

Referring to the induction of more than 40 indigenously built warships and submarines into the Indian Navy over the past few years, the Prime Minister said that the Navy acquires a new capability almost every few weeks. In addition, 45 major naval platforms are currently under construction. These figures are not merely statistics but indicators of India's industrial capability and future potential. Highlighting the immense employment-generating potential of the maritime sector, the Prime Minister said that the Government views it not as a standalone industry, but as a major engine of employment generation and economic growth for a Viksit Bharat.

The construction of a modern ship requires large quantities of steel, electronics, machinery and thousands of components, thereby creating opportunities across extensive industrial supply chains. Referring to the three commissioned vessels, Shri Modi said that more than 200 Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) contributed to their construction. This has generated substantial employment and economic activity across the country. ♦♦♦

8th National Cooperative Conference in Srinagar

Focus on Quality, Accountability and Professional Management in Cooperative Institutions

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In line with Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's vision of 'Sahakar Se Samriddhi', the Ministry of Cooperation, under the guidance of Union Home and Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah, has been continuously accelerating cooperative development across the country. To provide new direction to the cooperative movement, expedite development initiatives, implement various cooperative policies and programmes, promote digitalisation and strengthen cooperative institutions, the Ministry of Cooperation has been guiding stakeholders through periodic review and consultative meetings.

As part of these sustained efforts to further strengthen the cooperative movement across India, the Eighth National Cooperative Conference was organised in Srinagar, Jammu & Kashmir, where cooperative representatives from across the country shared their experiences on enhancing coordination between the Centre and the States for disseminating best practices in the cooperative sector. The conference emphasised the accelerated implementation of the National Cooperation Policy 2025 to promote reforms in the cooperative sector, establish new cooperative societies—particularly Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS), district



- ✦ Emphasis on implementing cooperative reforms while deliberating on the future vision and roadmap for the cooperative sector
- ✦ Cooperative banks must adopt modern technological platforms to remain relevant in the era of UPI and digital financial services

cooperative societies, dairy and fisheries cooperative societies—drive digital transformation and fast-track development initiatives centred on farmers, women and youth. Special emphasis was also laid on adopting region-specific approaches for cooperative and inclusive development in the North-Eastern States, along with stronger institutional collaboration and improved market linkages.

The conference, organised under the theme “*Sahakar Se Samriddhi - From Vision to Ground Reality*”, deliberated on the future vision and roadmap for the cooperative sector. States and Union Territories shared their best cooperative practices, successful models, innovations, achievements at the grassroots

level, and future aspirations for strengthening cooperative development across the country.

The conference also highlighted the effective implementation of various transformational initiatives undertaken over the past five years since the establishment of the Ministry of Cooperation under the leadership of Shri Shah. The deliberations aimed to review the progress of developmental initiatives, identify grassroots-level challenges, share successful models and prepare a clearer roadmap for the next phase of cooperative development.

Highlighting the expansion and progress of the cooperative sector under the leadership of Union Home and Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah, Secretary, Ministry of Cooperation, Dr



Ashish Kumar Bhutani, stated that the establishment of the Ministry of Cooperation marked a defining moment in the history of India's cooperative movement. Over the past five years, the Ministry has moved well beyond a regulatory framework by adopting a development-oriented and delivery-focused approach.

The Ministry continues to work consistently towards strengthening the cooperative sector, with special emphasis on reforms at the level of Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS), the basic unit of the cooperative structure. To empower cooperative institutions, several initiatives have been undertaken, including the computerisation of PACS, adoption of Model Bye-laws, establishment of new multi-purpose PACS, formation of dairy and fisheries cooperative societies, diversification of PACS business activities and the creation of national-level cooperative institutions in the areas of exports, organic products and seed production.

Focus on Quality and Accountability in Cooperative Institutions

Highlighting the significant progress made in developing the policy framework and institutional cooperative ecosystem, the Cooperation Secretary stated that the next phase will focus on effective implementation, measurable outcomes, and impactful grassroots delivery. He emphasised that the time has now come to move beyond merely increasing the number of cooperative institutions and instead focus on quality, accountability, professional management, and tangible impact at the grassroots level.

Important Role of National Cooperative Institutions and Federations

National cooperative institutions and federations play a pivotal role in strengthening India's cooperative ecosystem. Organisations such as the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD), the National Dairy Development Board (NDDB), the Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative Limited (IFFCO), the Krishak Bharati Cooperative Limited (KRIBHCO), the National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India (NAFED), the National Cooperative Consumers' Federation of India (NCCF), and the National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) shared their contributions and future-oriented strategies for advancing financing, capacity building, market support, institutional development, and sectoral transformation through the cooperative movement.

The conference emphasised the need to accelerate cooperative expansion by establishing new Multi-Purpose PACS, dairy cooperative societies, and fisheries cooperative societies in every Gram Panchayat across the country. It also highlighted the crucial role of cooperative institutions in developing agricultural infrastructure. There was a broad consensus on transforming PACS into strong, professionally managed, technology-enabled, and vibrant economic institutions through business diversification.

Participants also underscored the importance of building national value chains through newly established national cooperative organisations such as the National Cooperative Exports Limited (NCEL), the National Cooperative Organics Limited (NCOL), and the Bharatiya Beej Sahakari Samiti Limited (BBSSL). A future-oriented approach was advocated to strengthen cooperative-led models in exports, organic products, and seeds, while enhancing linkages among producers, cooperative institutions, markets, and consumers. These initiatives are expected to accelerate the implementation of cooperative programmes, address region-specific challenges, and deliver improved outcomes across multiple sectors.

Cooperative institutions are being strengthened through technology and data-driven governance, while cooperative banks are being integrated with modern technology platforms to ensure they remain relevant and competitive in the era of UPI and digital financial services.

Stressing the adoption of emerging technologies, the Secretary underlined that cooperative institutions should progress beyond simple computerisation and develop transparent and accountable systems that facilitate better governance, more efficient service

delivery, and evidence-based planning.

Calling upon all States and Union Territories to expedite the formation of these institutions, the Secretary described PACS as the backbone of the cooperative structure. Strengthening PACS through technology, Model Bye-laws, business diversification, and improved governance will be critical to realising the vision of '*Sahakar Se Samridhi*'. The National Cooperative Database 2.0 will further strengthen planning, monitoring, and decision-making across the cooperative sector. ♦♦♦

Ramgarh Cooperative Society Sets an Example

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Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's vision of "Sahkar Se Samriddhi" is steadily becoming a reality under the leadership and guidance of Union Minister of Home Affairs and Cooperation Shri Amit Shah. Cooperative societies are playing a crucial role in this transformation. The Primary Gram Seva Cooperative Society Limited, Ramgarh, located in Alwar district of Rajasthan, has emerged as a model institution through its exemplary work in rural development, farmer welfare, and a wide range of cooperative services.

Established in 1963, the society currently has 723 members. Its area of operation covers the villages of Ramgarh Piproli, Nangala, Sarehta, Goha and Choki. Initially functioning as a Primary Agricultural Credit Society (PACS), it was later transformed into a multipurpose cooperative society. After experiencing several ups and downs, the society had accumulated debt of nearly ₹2 crore. In 2021, following its bifurcation and the formation of another society, its outstanding debt was reduced to ₹60 lakh.

Since then, the society has not looked back. Through efficient management, continuous engagement with farmers, and innovative initiatives, it successfully revived itself. At present, the society has extended approximately ₹1.5 crore in short-term crop loans to its member farmers. Its fertiliser and seed business have grown significantly, with turnover increasing



✦ Short-term agricultural loans are provided to farmers alongside fertilizers and seeds

from ₹15–16 lakh in 2022–23 to ₹90 lakh in 2025–26.

In addition to providing agricultural credit, the society operates a Cooperative Super Market, a Common Service Centre, a Computer Coaching Centre, a Soil Testing Centre, a Farmer Producer Organisation (FPO), and a Shri Anna (Millets) Store. As an FPO, the society markets farmers' produce directly to consumers through its Cooperative Super Market and Shri Anna (Millets) Store. This enables farmers to earn better returns while providing rural consumers with a wide range of daily-use products and other essential goods under one roof at affordable prices. The Shri Anna initiative also promotes the consumption of traditional, nutritious millet-based foods.

The society also provides soil testing facilities for farmers. Through its soil testing laboratory, farmers can have their fields' soil analysed within the village itself. The tests help identify nutrient deficiencies in the soil, enabling farmers to understand the specific requirements of their fields. Based on the test results,

farmers receive guidance on the appropriate quantity of fertilisers to use and advice on suitable crop selection. Scientific farming based on these recommendations has helped increase farmers' profits, reduce cultivation costs, and improve their overall standard of living.

Through its Common Service Centre, the society provides a wide range of digital services to farmers in the village. These include payment of electricity bills, PAN card services, and registration for the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi scheme, among others. Farmers no longer have to travel from one office to another to access these services, saving both time and money, which they can instead invest in agricultural production.

Through the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samriddhi Kendra, the society supplies farmers with high-quality fertilisers, seeds, pesticides, and other agricultural inputs while also creating awareness about their proper use. These initiatives have enhanced farm productivity and contributed to improving the livelihoods of farmers. ♦♦♦



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Revitalising the Cooperative Sector Through PACS

Primarily Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS) form the backbone of rural development. The Ministry of Cooperation's initiatives to strengthen and revive PACS are ensuring greater momentum for the development of the rural economy. India's cooperative sector is becoming stronger, with new, robust and rapidly emerging PACS expanding across the country. Equipped with economic and administrative reforms through cooperative reforms and the New Cooperation Policy, these PACS are now contributing towards realising Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's vision of "Sahkar Se Samridhhi" in rural and agrarian India. With the expansion of the business scope of PACS and the addition of more than two dozen new activities, seasonal unemployment is declining while nearly 14 crore farmers directly associated with more than 1.25 lakh PACS, particularly in rural areas, are benefiting through greater employment opportunities and income generation.

India has a rich and glorious history of cooperation. However, its growth remained constrained due to mismanagement, inadequate government support during times of crisis, and the absence of necessary reforms. During his second term, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi initiated a transformation of the cooperative sector by establishing the Ministry of Cooperation and entrusting its leadership to Union Home and Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah, who possesses extensive experience in the cooperative

✦ Rural unemployment is declining while incomes of farmers are increasing

movement. Shri Shah was well acquainted with the challenges hindering the sector's growth. By addressing these obstacles, strengthening PACS at the grassroots level and promoting diversification to enhance their viability, he has transformed the cooperative sector into one that is now viewed as an important driver of the country's future development.

One of Shri Shah's most significant contributions has been the reform of the PACS bye-laws. To address the long-standing challenges faced by PACS, Model Bye-laws were introduced to transform them into multipurpose institutions. This has enabled PACS to diversify their business activities significantly. PACS are now functioning as Common Service Centres, delivering more than 300 e-services in rural India, including banking, insurance, Aadhaar enrolment and updation, healthcare services, PAN card services, IRCTC services, and bus and air ticket booking. More than 50,000 PACS are already providing these services to rural citizens. In addition, PACS are being enabled to function as Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samruddhi Kendras, Water Committees, LPG distributors, retail petrol and diesel outlets, Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs), and in several other capacities. PACS are also serving as Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendras to distribute quality generic medicines

at affordable prices in villages, thereby ensuring access to affordable healthcare for rural populations while creating an additional source of income. All these initiatives are aimed at increasing the income of PACS and making them economically viable.

Restoring public confidence in a cooperative sector that had suffered from decades of mismanagement was a major challenge for the Ministry of Cooperation. To ensure transparency, nearly 80,000 PACS are being computerised and more than 62,000 PACS have already been computerised. More than 60,000 PACS have also been integrated with Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) software. Through computerisation, PACS are being directly linked with the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD). The introduction of a Common Accounting System and a Management Information System will bring greater uniformity to their operations. These measures are expected to strengthen public confidence in the functioning of PACS. As a result of these pioneering initiatives, the cooperative sector is now functioning across the country with renewed confidence and greater organisational strength, making it more effective and sustainable. Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah has also appealed to all stakeholders associated with the cooperative sector to open bank accounts with cooperative banks. This, in turn, will enhance the viability of cooperative banks while strengthening public trust in them. ♦♦♦

Chairman, National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD).



Under the 'Sahkar Saptah' initiative, a plantation and sapling distribution programme was organised at Amar Dairy, Amreli. Under the guidance of Union Minister of Home and Cooperation Shri Amit Shah, 51,000 saplings were distributed to 432 cooperative societies across Amreli district. Former Member of Parliament Shri Naranbhai Kachhadiya, Chairman of Amar Dairy Shri Ashwinbhai Savaliya, Chairman of the District Cooperative Purchase and Sales Union Shri Jayantibhai Pansuriya, along with members of Team Sahkar, were present on the occasion.



In line with the spirit of the 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' initiative launched by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, a tree plantation drive was organised at the campus of Tribhuvan Sahkari University (TSU), the country's only cooperative university, located at the IRMA campus in Anand, Gujarat. Saplings were planted during the campaign to promote the conservation and enhancement of nature.



In Imphal, Manipur, the Institute of Cooperative Management, in collaboration with the Manipur State Rural Livelihoods Mission, celebrated five years of the Ministry of Cooperation by organising a women's awareness programme on the theme of empowering women through cooperative societies. The event provided members of Self-Help Groups with an opportunity to come together and enhanced awareness about the cooperative movement among women.



The National Cooperative Union of India (NCUI), in collaboration with the Gujarat State Cooperative Union, organised a three-day training programme in Surat on the formation of cooperative societies. The programme was attended by 28 participants from Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra. It provided essential knowledge on the formation and management of cooperative societies and emphasised the importance of cooperatives in achieving inclusive socio-economic development.



NCUI, with the support of the Gujarat State Cooperative Union, also organised a training programme in Surat on the formation of cooperative societies. As part of the programme, participants undertook a study visit to the Surat District Cooperative Milk Producers' Union Limited (SUMUL) Dairy, one of Surat's leading cooperative institutions, where they gained practical insights into the functioning of a dairy cooperative.



The Vaikunth Mehta National Institute of Cooperative Management (VAMNICOM), Pune, organised a five-day training programme for Assistant Registrars of Cooperative Societies (ARCS) and Inspectors from the State of Odisha. The programme aimed to strengthen capacity in cooperative management through the study of best practices and field visits. It also provided practical exposure to the functioning of cooperative institutions in sectors such as dairy, energy and agro-processing.



Over the past 12 years, the government has worked towards nurturing women-led development, a shift evident across all sectors. From financial inclusion and entrepreneurship to education, healthcare, sanitation, housing, sports, science and governance, women are playing pivotal roles in diverse fields. Their growing participation in emerging sectors like drone technology is opening up new avenues of opportunity and transforming the development landscape across the country. Our government is actively supporting Self-Help Groups, which are playing a crucial role in making women economically self-reliant.

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'.

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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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