

MANAV: India's AI Vision for Innovation

Moral and Ethical Systems
Accountable Governance
National Sovereignty
Accessible and Inclusive AI
Valid and Legitimate Systems



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My dear Countrymen

Namaskar

Welcome to 'Mann ki Baat'. Heartiest greetings. 'Mann ki Baat' is a powerful platform for highlighting the achievements of the country and its citizens. **The country recently witnessed a similar such achievement during the Global AI Impact Summit held in Delhi. Leaders from many countries, industry leaders, innovators, and people associated with the Start-up sector came together at Bharat Mandapam for the AI Impact Summit. This summit proved to be a turning point in**

the trajectory of how the world will utilise the power of AI in the future.

Friends, at the summit, I also had the opportunity to meet world leaders and tech CEOs. At the AI summit exhibition, I showed myriad things to world leaders. **I want to mention two things in particular. These two products at the summit greatly impressed leaders from around the world. The first product was at Amul's booth.** It explained how AI is helping us in the treatment of animals and how farmers



keep track of their dairy and animals with the help of 24x7 AI assistance.

Friends, the second product was related to our culture.

Leaders from all over the world were amazed to see how, with the help of AI, we are preserving our ancient texts, our ancient knowledge, our manuscripts and adapting them in accordance with today's generation.

Friends, Sushruta Samhita was selected for display during the exhibition. In the first step, it was shown how, with the help of technology, we are improving the image quality of manuscripts and making them readable. In the second step, this image was converted into machine-readable text. In the next step, the machine-readable text was read by an AI avatar. And further, in the

next step, we also demonstrated how, with the help of technology, this invaluable Indian knowledge can be translated into Indian and foreign languages. World leaders showed great interest in learning about India's ancient knowledge through a modern avatar.

Friends, at this summit, the world got to see India's amazing capabilities in the field of AI. During this period, India also launched three Made in India AI Models. **This in itself has been the biggest AI summit ever. The enthusiasm and excitement of the youth pertaining to this summit was worth watching. I congratulate all the countrymen for the success of this summit.**

Friends, I often say, "The one who plays, blooms". Sports also unites us. These days, you must be watching the T-20 World Cup





matches. And I am very sure that while watching the match, many times your eyes must have been fixed on a particular player. The jersey is that of some other country, but on hearing the name, you feel that the person is from our country. Then a slight joy arises in some corner of the heart...

Since that player is of Indian origin and he is playing for the country where his family has settled. They step into

the field wearing the jerseys of their respective countries and represent that country wholeheartedly. The Canadian team has the highest number of players of Indian origin. Team captain Dilpreet Bajwa was born in Gurdaspur, Punjab. Navneet Dhaliwal is from Chandigarh. This list includes many names like Harsh Thakar and Shreyas Mowa, who are raising the pride of not only Canada but India as well. The American team



has many players who have emerged from Indian domestic cricket. American team captain Monank Patel has also played for Gujarat's under-16 and under-18 teams. Saurabh from Mumbai, Harmeet Singh and Milind Kumar from Delhi are all the pride of the American team. The Oman team today has many players who have previously played for different states of India. Players like Jatinder Singh, Vinayak Shukla, Karan, Jai and Ashish are strong links that bind Oman cricket. Players of Indian origin are also ensuring their place in the teams of New Zealand, UAE and Italy. **There are countless such players of Indian origin who are bringing pride to their respective countries, becoming an inspiration for the youth there. This is the hallmark of Indianness. Wherever Indians**

go, they remain connected to the roots of their motherland and contribute to the development of their Karambhoomi, the country they live and work in.

My dear countrymen, there is no greater sorrow for any parent than losing one's own child. The pain of losing a very young child is deeper. Just a few days ago, we lost Aalin Sherin Abraham, a little innocent girl from Kerala. She left this world at the age of just 10 months. Imagine—she had a whole life ahead of her, which abruptly ended. So many dreams and joys remained unfulfilled. The pain her parents must be undergoing is beyond any expression in words. But even amidst such profound pain, Aalin's father, Arun Abraham, and mother, Sherin, made a decision that has filled up the heart of every citizen





with respect. They decided to donate Aalin's organs. This single decision reveals the expanse of their thinking and the magnitude of their personality. While on the one hand they grieved the loss of their daughter, on the other they were also filled with a spirit of helping others. They wanted that no family experiences such a fate. Aalin Sherin Abraham is no longer with us, but her name has joined the ranks of the nation's youngest organ donors. **Friends, awareness about organ donation is steadily rising in India these days. This is helping those who are in need of it. It is also strengthening medical research in the country. Many organisations and individuals are doing extraordinary work in this direction.**

Friends, like Aalin from Kerala, there are many people who have given a second life to someone

through organ donation. For example, Lakshmi Devi from Delhi. She traveled to Kedarnath last year.

For that she had to trek 14 kilometers. You will be surprised to know that she undertook this trek after a heart transplant. Her heart was functioning only at 15 per cent. Amidst that, she received the heart of a deceased donor. After that, her life transformed completely. Gaurang Banerjee from West Bengal has been to Nathu La twice. It is located 14,000 feet above sea level. And the special aspect is that he achieved this feat after a lung transplant. Ramdev Singh of Sikar, Rajasthan, had to undergo a kidney transplant. Today, he is excelling in sporting activities.

Friends, you will come across many such inspiring examples. This proves once again that a single noble act can change

the lives of countless people. I heartily commend all those who have undertaken such noble deeds.

My dear countrymen, during the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, I spoke of the 'Panch-Pran' from the Red Fort. One of them is freedom from the mentality of slavery. Today, the country is leaving behind the symbols of slavery and has begun to value symbols related to Indian culture. Our Rashtrapati Bhavan has also taken an important step in this direction. Tomorrow, i.e. the 23rd of February, 'Rajaji Utsav' will be celebrated at Rashtrapati Bhavan. On this occasion, a statue of C. Rajagopalachari ji will be unveiled in the Central Courtyard of Rashtrapati Bhavan. He was the first Indian Governor General of Independent India.

He was among those who

saw power not as a position but as a service. His conduct, self-restraint, and independent thinking in public life inspire us even today. Unfortunately, even after independence, statues of British administrators were allowed to remain in Rashtrapati Bhavan, but those of the nation's greatest sons were denied space. A statue of British architect Edwin Lutyens also stood in Rashtrapati Bhavan. Now, this statue will be replaced by a statue of Rajaji. An exhibition on Rajagopalachari ji will also be held during the Rajaji Utsav. This exhibition will be on from the 24th of February to the 1st of March. Do pay a visit there, to have a look, whenever possible.

My dear countrymen, in 'Mann ki Baat', I have spoken to you at length about Digital Arrest. After this, a lot of awareness was generated in our





society regarding Digital Arrest and Digital Fraud, but still such incidents are happening around us, that are unpardonable. Innocent people are being targeted through Digital Arrest and Financial Fraud. Many a time we come to know that a senior citizen has been swindled of one's lifelong earnings. At times, someone is defrauded of the money they had saved to pay children's fees. We also come across news of fraud with businessmen. Someone calls up and says, "I am a big officer. You have to share some details." After this, innocent people do just that. Therefore, it is very important for you to remain alert and vigilant.

Friends, you all must be

familiar with the process of KYC – Know Your Customer. Sometimes, when you receive messages from your bank asking you to update KYC or re-KYC, the question arises in your mind – I have already done KYC, then why this? I urge you not to fret; this is just for the safety of your money. **We all know that nowadays everything from pension, subsidy, insurance, UPI, everything is linked to the bank account. This is why banks periodically perform re-KYC to ensure your bank account remains secure.** Yes, here too, you must remember one thing: criminals make fake calls, send SMS and links. Therefore, **we must remain vigilant and not fall prey**



to such fraudsters. KYC or re-KYC should be done only through your bank branch, official app, and authorised medium. Do not share OTP, Aadhaar number, or bank account information with anyone. And most importantly, keep changing your password from time to time. Just as food and clothing change with each season, make it a rule to change your password every few days.

Friends, the Reserve Bank of India recently organised a Financial Literacy Week on these very topics. This financial literacy campaign will now continue throughout the year. Therefore, pay heed to the Reserve Bank of India's message and keep your KYC updated.

Remember : Correct KYC, timely re-KYC keeps your account safe.

Become an empowered

citizen, Because only empowered citizens builds a strong and self-reliant India.

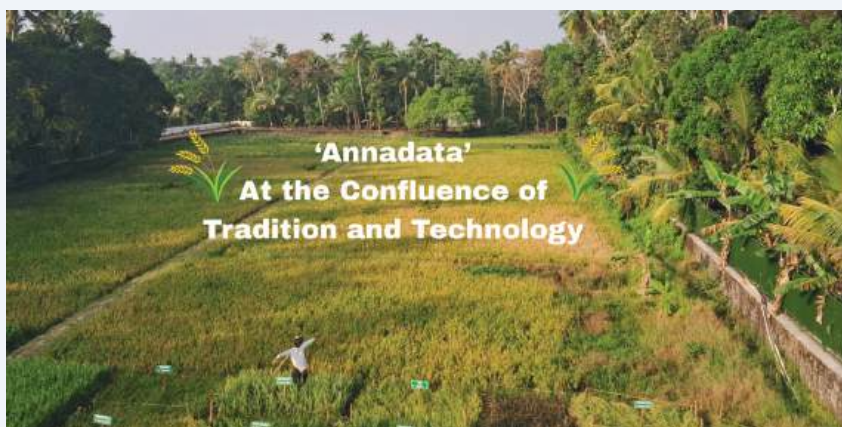
My dear countrymen, our farmers are not just food providers, they are true devotees of the earth. One should learn from our farmers what it is to turn soil into gold. And our farmers today are blending both tradition and technology, and I am pleased to see that our farmers are now focusing not just on production but also on quality, value addition and new markets. The story of a young farmer named Hirod Patel in Odisha is truly inspiring. Until about eight years ago, he cultivated paddy in the traditional way with his father, Shiv Shankar Patel, but then, he began to approach farming from a new perspective. He built a strong mesh structure

over his farm's pond. He grew creeper vegetables on it, planted bananas, guavas and coconuts around the pond, and also started fish farming in the pond. In other words, traditional farming, vegetables, fruits, and fish are all being undertaken in one place. This has led to better land use, water savings, and additional income. Today, farmers from far and wide come over to see his model.

Friends, in Kerala's Thrissur district, there's a village where 570 varieties of rice are grown in a single field. This includes local varieties, herbal varieties, and even varieties imported from other states. This isn't just farming, it's a massive campaign to preserve seed heritage. The results of our farmers' hard work are reflected in the statistics also. Today, India has become the world's largest rice producer.

Producing over 150 million tons of rice is no small achievement. We are meeting our own needs and contributing to the global food basket. Friends, agricultural products are now reaching foreign countries more easily by air. Nanjangud bananas from Karnataka, Mysuru betel leaves, and Indi lemons were exported to the Maldives. These products are known for their taste and quality and have even received the GI tag. Today's farmer seeks quality, is also increasing quantity and is making his mark as well.

My dear countrymen, you surely remember the amazing images of the Maha Kumbh around this time last year. The sea of humanity surging on the banks of the Sangam, the immense flow of faith, and in that sacred moment of bathing, it seemed as if India was 'in communion' with its 'Sanatan





Chetana'. Friends, the same stream of the Maha Kumbh, the same month of Magha, the same voice of devotion, as it moves from North to South, takes on a new identity.

Friends, on the land of Kerala, in Tirunavaya on the banks of the Bharatappuzha River, there is a centuries-old tradition – Mamangam. Many people also call it the Maha Magha Festival or Kerala Kumbh. Bathing in the holy river during the month of Magha and making that moment an indelible memory of life is its soul. Over time, this tradition seemed to have disappeared. For nearly two hundred and fifty years, this event had not been celebrated with the same

grandeur as it used to be. But today, in our country, which is re-recognising its heritage, history has taken another turn. **This time, the Kerala Kumbh was successfully held without any major announcement. People communicated with each other about it, word spread, and soon, devotees began arriving at Tirunavaya every day.**

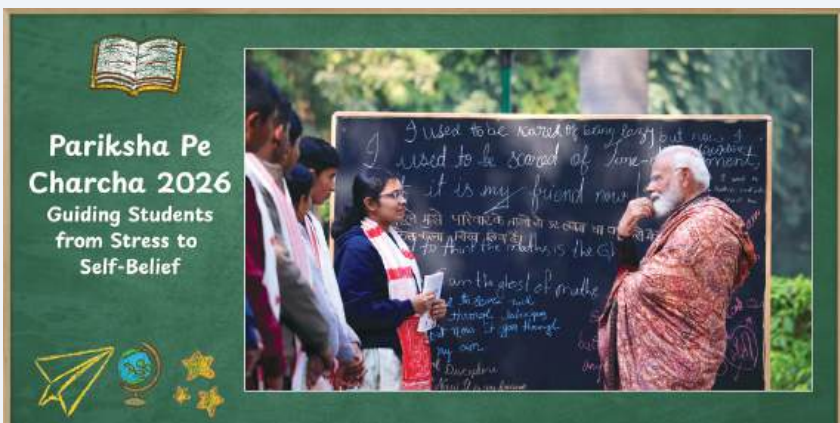
Friends, whether it's the Maha Kumbh or the Kerala Kumbh, it's not just a festival of bathing. It's a reminiscential awakening of memory. It's a re-remembrance of culture. **From North to South, the rivers may be different, the banks may be different, but the stream of faith is the same—this is Bharat.**

Friends, in our country, those who have worked for the welfare of society, those who have prioritised the public in their noble deeds always remain in the hearts of the people. Amma Jayalalithaa ji was one such popular leader. February 24th is the occasion of her birth anniversary. I still feel the deep affection the people of Tamil Nadu had for her, even today during my visits to the state.

The mention of Amma Jayalalithaa brings a glow to the faces of the people of Tamil Nadu. Our 'Nari Shakti's' connection with her has been even more special. This is also because, while in government, she made many commendable efforts for the welfare of mothers, sisters and daughters. She also took concrete steps to maintain law and order in the state. The spirit of Patriotism

was deeply embedded within her. She was also deeply proud of India's cultural heritage. Every meeting and every conversation with Amma Jayalalithaa is still fresh in my mind. She also attended two of my swearing-in ceremonies in Gujarat, in 2002 and 2012. When we were both Chief Ministers of our respective states, we often discussed topics like good governance. Her thinking was crystal clear and her thoughts were uncluttered. This was a significant characteristic of hers. Many years ago, she invited me to Chennai over lunch on the auspicious occasion of Pongal. That affectionate gesture will remain unforgettable for me. Once again, I pay my humble tribute to her.

Jayalalithaa avargalakku,
yen ninaivajanli-gal,
samudayattirkku,





**avar aatriya sevai yendrum
ninaivil irukkum]**

**(English Translation: My
tribute to Jayalalitha, Her
services to the people will
always be remembered!!!)**

**My dear countrymen, I shall
now address our dear, promising
children, those currently taking
exams. I hope you must have
watched 'Pariksha Pe Charcha'
earlier this month and learned
something from it. However, I still
want to ask: are you stressing too
much about your studies?**

**My dear children, you are
exam warriors. I'm sure you're
all wholeheartedly preparing for
your exams. Yes, it's natural to
have some doubts at such times.
Sometimes you wonder if you'll
remember everything or not!
Sometimes you wonder if you'll
run out of time! Children of every
generation have experienced**

**these feelings; you're not alone.
Remember, your worth isn't
determined by your mark
sheet. So, trust yourself. Write
wholeheartedly about what
you've studied. And don't let
that one question about what
you didn't understand dominate
your mind. And one more thing:
keep talking to your parents and
teachers. They recognise you
not by your marks but by your
efforts; they are happy with your
hard work. I am fully confident
that you will succeed in your
exams and achieve new heights
of success in your lives.**

**Friends, Ramzan is currently
going on. I wish everyone the
best for this holy month. Holi is
also coming in a few days. This
means that a time filled with
colors, gulal and laughter is
about to knock at the door. May
you all celebrate all festivals**

happily with your family and loved ones. **And yes, always remember some mantras, like being vocal for local.**

Many foreign-made products have entered our Holi celebrations, or even other festivals. Keep them away from festivals, keep them away from Holi as well, and adopt Swadeshi. **When you buy Swadeshi, you also help in the campaign to make the country self-reliant.**

Friends, every month I receive numerous suggestions from you for 'Mann ki Baat'. Your messages help us know about the amazing talents hidden in every corner

of the country. Many inspiring stories of rising above personal interests and serving society have reached people across the country through you. May you continue with your efforts. I look forward to your messages. Once again, I extend my best wishes to you and your family for the upcoming festivals. Thank you very much. Namaskar.

Scan the QR code to listen to 'Mann ki Baat'.



MANNI KI BAAT

Special Mentions by Prime Minister





India AI Impact Summit 2026

India's AI Journey for Inclusive Growth



The India AI Impact Summit 2026, held from February 16 to 20 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, marked a historic milestone in the global technological landscape. As the first major AI summit hosted in the Global South, it signaled a fundamental shift in how the world perceives Artificial Intelligence. Under the profound theme of “Sarvajana Hitaya, Sarvajana Sukhaya” (Welfare for All, Happiness for All), the summit moved beyond the abstract fears of artificial intelligence and focused on measurable developmental outcomes. It showcased India’s evolution from a mere consumer of digital tools to a global leader in Sovereign AI, committed to ensuring that the benefits of innovation are distributed equitably across all layers of society.

Foundational Pillars: The Three Sutras

The summit was anchored on three guiding principles, or ‘Sutras’, which defined India’s vision for a human-centric technological future. These principles were designed to ensure that AI serves as a tool for

empowerment rather than a source of further inequality:

- **People** : The People Sutra envisions AI as a force for human progress—respecting cultural diversity, preserving dignity, and ensuring inclusion in its design and deployment. It affirms that technology must remain human-centred, advance people-first development while upholding safety, trust, and shared benefit.
- **Planet** : The Planet Sutra calls for AI that advances innovation responsibly—reducing its resource

footprint while accelerating climate resilience and environmental protection. It upholds that technological progress must align with planetary stewardship, ensuring AI strengthens rather than undermines global sustainability.

- **Progress** : The Progress Sutra envisages AI as an engine for inclusive growth—aligning its benefits with global development priorities and equitable access to opportunity. It emphasises democratising key AI resources and applying AI to accelerate socio-





economic progress across sectors such as health, education, governance, and agriculture.

The Seven Chakras of AI Impact

To translate these high-level visions into actionable policy, the summit was organised around seven thematic working groups, referred to as Chakras. These groups brought together global experts, policymakers, and industry leaders to tackle specific challenges:

1. Human Capital : This chakra focuses on building an equitable AI reskilling ecosystem through targeted skilling.

For India, this strengthens workforce readiness for the AI economy, aligned with national development priorities.

2. Inclusion for Social Empowerment : This chakra focuses on enabling inclusive participation through shared AI solutions and scalable models. This supports delivery of citizen-centric AI solutions and strengthens last-mile services in India.

3. Safe and Trusted AI : This chakra focuses on translating global principles for responsible AI into practical, interoperable safety and governance frameworks. For



India, this strengthens domestic AI governance, supports safe deployment of AI across public platforms and builds public trust while enabling innovation.

4. Resilience, Innovation and Efficiency : This chakra focuses on addressing the growing environmental and resource challenges posed by large scale AI systems, which risk deepening the global AI divide. For India, it supports sustainable AI adoption, ensuring AI growth remains environmentally responsible and socially equitable.

5. Science : This chakra focuses on harnessing AI to

accelerate discovery while correcting deep inequities in access to data, compute, and research capacity. For India, it strengthens research ecosystems, accelerates solutions in health, agriculture, and climate, and positions India as an active contributor to global scientific advancement.

6. Democratising AI Resources : This chakra envisions a global AI ecosystem where access to foundational enablers of AI development is equitable and affordable for all. For India, it expands access for startups, researchers, and public institutions while ensuring equitable participation in global AI value chains.

7. AI for Economic Growth & Social Good : This chakra explores approaches to harness AI's potential for truly inclusive growth, recognising and supporting high impact use cases that become exemplars of AI for both economic growth and social good.

India's AI Infrastructure and the IndiaAI Mission

The summit served as a platform to report on the progress of the IndiaAI Mission, a comprehensive national initiative launched with a substantial budget of over

₹10,300 crore. By early 2026, the government reported significant strides in building national capacity. Currently, the mission has successfully provisioned over 38,000 GPUs to provide affordable compute capacity to domestic innovators at subsidised rates. During the summit, the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) announced an additional procurement of 20,000 high-end GPUs to further strengthen the national sovereign AI stack.

India's strategy focuses on making AI "open, affordable, and accessible." Platforms like Bhashini are breaking language barriers, while Kisan e-Mitra an AI chatbot supporting farmers in 11 regional languages

demonstrates AI's integration into the lives of the informal workforce. A 2025 NITI Aayog report, AI for Inclusive Societal Development, emphasises that AI has the potential to empower India's 490 million informal workers by widening access to essential financial and social services.

Global Leadership and Collaborative Outcomes

The summit culminated in the New Delhi Declaration on AI Impact, a landmark document endorsed by 92 countries and international organisations. This declaration reflects a growing global consensus on the need to share the benefits of AI more equitably. Key collaborative achievements announced at the summit included:





1. The Equitable AI Transition Playbook : Developed in partnership with the International Labour Organisation (ILO), this guide provides a roadmap for nations to protect workers' rights during the transition to AI-integrated industries.

2. The Charter for the Democratic Diffusion of AI : Supported by 22 countries, this charter aims to ensure that no single nation or company can gatekeep the fundamental building blocks of AI technology.

3. Global Youth Challenge (YUVAi) and AI by HER : These initiatives focus on grassroots innovation, ensuring that youth and women-led startups are integrated into the global AI supply chain.

Conclusion : A Social-Purpose Framework

The India-AI Impact Summit 2026 proved that for the Global South, AI is not a luxury, but a vital engine for inclusive growth. By leveraging its vast talent pool which currently ranks 3rd globally in AI competitiveness and its robust DPI, India is positioning itself as a "Global Hub for AI Innovation." The journey is defined by a "social-purpose framework" that seeks to bridge the gap between technology and the common citizen. As the summit concluded, the message was clear: the future of AI must be inclusive, ethical, and above all, human-centric.

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Under the overarching theme of “Sarvajana Hitaya, Sarvajana Sukhaya” (Welfare for All, Happiness for All), the summit brought together leaders from over 100 countries to transition the Global AI dialogue from mere vision to measurable Impact.





Anchored by three guiding Sutras—People, Planet, and Progress—and operationalised through seven thematic Chakras, the event showcased India's commitment to democratising technology.







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INDIA'S BOLD AI AMBITION

**Democratising
Intelligence for 1.4
Billion Citizens**

India's vision for Artificial Intelligence draws from a timeless civilisational truth: knowledge is not a private possession but a shared inheritance to be debated, refined, and disseminated for human prosperity. From the Vedas onwards, Indian philosophy has paired capability with restraint, creativity with foresight, and scale with accountability. Power, it insists, is never morally neutral.

Today, India is embarking on one of the most ambitious technological journeys in history: democratising intelligence for its 1.4 billion citizens. While much of the world sees AI concentrating power in the hands of a few, India is pursuing a different path—one grounded in ancient wisdom, democratic values and inclusive prosperity.

This vision crystallised at the India AI Impact Summit 2026 (February 16–20, New Delhi), where Prime Minister Narendra Modi described AI as a profound civilisational moment. He unveiled the M.A.N.A.V. Vision—a human-centric framework. “MANAV” (Sanskrit for “human”) stands for:

- Moral and Ethical Systems: AI guided by strong ethical principles.
- Accountable Governance: Transparent rules and robust oversight.
- National Sovereignty: Data sovereignty for those who generate it.
- Accessible and Inclusive: AI as an enabler, not a monopoly.
- Valid and Legitimate: Lawful, verifiable systems.

The framework reaffirms that knowledge exists to serve humanity, not to dominate it.

The AI revolution has progressed in phases: the first digitised information; the second scaled compute and models for breakthroughs. We now enter the third—the democratisation of intelligence—where real-time knowledge and decision support reach every citizen to enhance skills,

productivity, governance and livelihoods.

In India, this transformation is unfolding bottom-up, not top-down. Rather than replacing people, India is building AI to augment humans and bridge critical gaps where expertise or talent is limited. For example, in rural India where panchayats are facing shortages of secretaries (Sachivs), tools like AI Sachiv Ji (being piloted in Jharkhand) provide Sarpanches with instant, context-aware, multilingual guidance on government schemes, compliance requirements, fund flows and administrative processes. This brings real-time intelligence directly to the smallest unit of governance, empowering local leaders to make informed decisions, strengthening democracy at the grassroots level.

In agriculture, we are using AI tools to monitor cattle health, predict disease risks, and deliver simple, actionable insights to

dairy farmers, enabling them to significantly optimise yields.

In healthcare, AI-assisted diagnostics are helping frontline workers detect high-risk pregnancies and chronic conditions early, saving lives at the grassroots. We are even using AI to preserve cultural heritage: AI digitises, interprets and translates ancient manuscripts, making fragile knowledge accessible to future generations.

These are not isolated experiments but expressions of a core conviction reflecting: intelligence must not remain confined to elite silos. It must be widely distributed — as a right to access, empowerment, and participation in the future.

I believe that India's AI journey rests on three non-negotiable principles:

1. Human First : AI augments human judgment vs replacing it. A Sarpanch becomes more effective, a nurse more confident, a farmer more informed.





2. Trust as Infrastructure : At population scale, transparency, explainability, safety, and accountability are essential. Citizens must trust that systems serve their welfare and dignity.

3. Shared Prosperity : India's linguistic, geographic, and socio-

economic diversity demands inclusive design. Intelligence must expand opportunity across regions and income groups, not deepen divides.

This approach powers our intent to become a Viksit Bharat by 2047—by building capability in every citizen, productivity in every sector, and dignity in every livelihood.

For me, Viksit Bharat is an India where every citizen has access to intelligence at their fingertips - real-time advisory support raises farmer yields; earlier diagnostics save lives; data-driven Panchayat decisions strengthen governance at the grassroots; AI-powered skill guidance multiplies youth opportunities. It's an India where intelligence becomes the core economic input - becoming





a tremendously powerful national multiplier for inclusive, sustainable growth.

And we are backing this vision with institutional and technological enablers.

At the India AI Impact Summit 2026, key indigenous foundation models were launched — including Sarvam AI's 30B and 105B parameter models, optimised for multilingual, real-time applications, and BharatGen's Param2, a 17B multilingual Mixture-of-Experts model spanning over 22 Indian languages with multimodal capability.

These sovereign systems are not about symbolism, but they are critical for us to ensure that intelligence is culturally attuned, linguistically inclusive, and strategically autonomous. They create blueprints not only for India, but for other nations across the Global South seeking population-scale AI that aligns with democratic values.

In a world where AI debates are often fixated on power concentration and geopolitical rivalry, India offers an alternative: democratic values and advanced technology are not contradictory, they reinforce each other. Inclusion accelerates innovation rather than limiting it. When Trust is foundational infrastructure, and not an add-on, it drives population level scale and impact.

Thousands of years ago, Indian traditions asked: What is knowledge for? Who should it serve? In the age of algorithms, India answers anew. Through the M.A.N.A.V. Vision and the democratisation of intelligence, AI will cease to be the privilege of a few—it will become the empowerment of many.

By leading this effort, India advances not only toward Viksit Bharat but toward a more human, inclusive future for the world.



Sanjay Malhotra
Governor
Reserve Bank of India

CONVENIENCE, CONFIDENCE AND CAUTION

**Staying Safe in the
Digital Age**

Banking, conventionally implied standing in a queue, filling out forms, and waiting for your turn at a branch. Today, much of that has changed. Money can be transferred in seconds. Bills can be paid from home. A parent can send funds to a child studying in another city in a matter of moments. A small shopkeeper can receive payment through a QR code. A senior citizen can check an account balance without stepping out.

This digital revolution has made financial services faster, more accessible and more inclusive. In many ways, it has put a bank branch into the customer's hand. But convenience also carries a caution which may adversely affect the confidence in adoption of digital means.

The same tools that make life easier can be misused by fraudsters. They study our habits, exploit our trust and prey on our fear, anxiety, greed, negligence, or lack of awareness. As the digital banking ecosystem continues to evolve, staying informed and vigilant is essential to safeguard its benefits against the ever-growing threat of digital fraud.

Digital frauds

Frauds perpetrated through internet or digital media are broadly classified as digital frauds. However, it is rarely a technology issue. On most occasions, it is a human issue. It succeeds not because technology fails, but because people are deceived.

There are various types of digital frauds prevalent today. They often begin with a message, a phone call, a web-link, a fake

promise or a false warning.

A person may be coerced into transferring money to a fraudster impersonating a police officer on the pretext of false and baseless allegations such as drug trafficking, money laundering and illegal consignments. By keeping the victim to be on video call for hours or even days (digital arrest), they completely isolate and psychologically overwhelm him.

Another person may be approached with a call that his bank account will be blocked unless KYC is updated immediately. Someone else may be lured by an attractive online offer, a gift, a part-time job, or an investment opportunity promising high returns with no risk. Others may be tricked

into downloading an unknown mobile application or sharing screen access on the pretext of receiving assistance.

In each case, the fraudster plays on human emotions – fear, excitement, greed, confusion and urgency to induce some action. Once that happens, people are pushed into making mistakes they would ordinarily never make.

Measures for digital safety

The Government, RBI, banks and other public authorities are taking several steps to make the digital ecosystem safer.

The Government has created institutional mechanisms to support quick reporting and response. The Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C) and the National Cyber Crime Reporting Portal enable





citizens to report cyber offences. For cyber frauds, the national helpline 1930 has been set up for reporting and early intervention.

The dedicated “1600” number series has been assigned for service and transactional calls from banks and certain other regulated financial entities, making it easier for citizens to recognise genuine calls.

RBI has also introduced the exclusive “.bank.in” domain for banks to help customers identify genuine banking websites and avoid fraudulent lookalike sites.

RBI has also been conducting Public Awareness Campaigns throughout the year to reach out to people across the country. These activities are aligned with our vision to “Strengthen Trust

of Citizens and Institutions in the Reserve Bank of India”.

RBI has issued financial awareness booklets (in English, Hindi and 11 regional languages) covering the modus operandi of frauds and the ways to avoid getting trapped by fraudsters.

Another important measure for safety is KYC (Know Your Customer). It is a powerful tool to safeguard against any potential fraud. Banks and other regulated entities are mandated to identify and verify the identity of customers, carry out ongoing due diligence and monitor customer transactions. It is an important safeguard for banks to prevent the misuse of bank accounts for fraudulent or unlawful activities.

RBI has advised banks to update KYC records (re-KYC) at periodic intervals. It prevents the financial system (including banking system) from being misused for money laundering, terrorist financing and proliferation financing purposes. It is in your own interest to keep your bank updated of the changes in your address and respond to their request for KYC updation, which is a very simple process.

Given the importance of this issue, RBI conducted the eleventh

edition of Financial Literacy Week (FLW) 2026 during February 9-13, on the theme 'KYC – सुरक्षित बैंकिंग की ओर पहला कदम / KYC – Your First Step to Safe Banking'. As part of this campaign, RBI organised events across the country to spread awareness regarding the importance of KYC, and the need to remain vigilant against KYC related frauds.

Ten 'digital-safe' habits

Though the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and the government have undertaken several initiatives to raise public awareness and strengthen operational safeguards as indicated above, incidents of digital and cyber fraud continue to be reported. It is important to recognise that digital safety is a shared responsibility. While authorities are continuously

enhancing security frameworks, fraudsters are equally evolving, adopting new and sophisticated methods to exploit vulnerabilities. In this dynamic environment, staying secure ultimately depends on individual awareness and vigilance – by just following ten simple “digital-safe” habits:

First, never share confidential information such as passwords, PINs, CVV numbers or OTPs with anyone. A bank official, regulator, police authority or service provider never asks for such details over a phone call, message or social media chat. RBI too does not contact the public for financial transactions, request money, communicate lottery winnings, or funds from abroad. Any communication claiming to be from RBI that demands fee or sensitive information with a



promise of crediting money into your account is most likely a fraud.

Second, do not click on unknown links or install unfamiliar applications even if they seem to have been sent by a close relative or friend. Such links or Apps can steal data or take control of your device.

Third, do not allow screen sharing or remote access to your phone unless you are completely certain of whom you are dealing with. Fraudsters often persuade people to install applications that allow them to view the screen, capture passwords or OTPs or initiate transactions.

Fourth, be careful while responding to requests related to KYC updates, account freezing, reward points, tax refunds, electricity disconnection or

parcel delivery. These are among the most common excuses used to provoke immediate action.

Fifth, remember that a QR code is generally meant for making a payment, not receiving one. If someone asks you to scan a code in order to receive money, pause and verify. Many people have been deceived by this simple trick.

Sixth, use only official websites, verified applications and known contact numbers. If you need help, contact the bank or service provider through the number available on its official website or on the back of your card, not the number given in an unsolicited message.

Seventh, keep your mobile number, email address and account records updated with your bank. Review transaction



alerts carefully. Activate notifications. Check statements regularly.

Eighth, if you suspect that you have been defrauded, then do not try to cover it up in embarrassment or fear. Inform your bank or payment service provider immediately. Report the incident to the appropriate cybercrime reporting channel (<https://cybercrime.gov.in/>, national cybercrime helpline number: 1930) and lodge a complaint at the earliest. The sooner the fraud is reported, the better the chances of blocking the transaction trail or limiting the loss. Most importantly, your timely action may prevent someone else from becoming a victim of such fraudsters.

Ninth, the biggest strength of humankind is our ability to think and reason. This ability often gets shadowed by emotions. But knowledge can sharpen our reasoning, dispel the shadow and bring clarity. Hence, it is important to learn and adopt the best practices in digital ecosystem. We defeat fraudsters when we remain well informed.

Tenth, do not act impulsively. Process all the information and act judiciously. Every digital user should remember a simple rule: pause before you proceed. If a

caller is creating panic, pause. If a message seems urgent, pause. If an offer looks too good to be true, pause. If someone asks for private information, pause.

Conclusion

The digital age has opened many doors for our growth and development. It has brought banking, payments and financial services closer, and integrated them into our daily life more than ever before.

Technology has provided vast opportunities and ease of convenience but also exposed us to some risks. Government and public authorities like RBI are taking necessary steps to prevent such frauds. But, as mentioned earlier, it is a shared responsibility. By following the ten simple 'digital-safe' habits, we can support the institutional efforts to curb the menace of digital fraud.

As Bruce Schneier aptly said, "Security is not a product, but a process." In the context of digital banking, this highlights that safety is not ensured by systems alone, but by continuous awareness and cautious behaviour. Every click, every transaction, and every shared detail matters. You are not just a user – you are the frontline defender of your own financial security.



Players of Indian Origin

Bringing Glory to the Country in International Cricket

Sports is not just a competition, it is a powerful medium that connects hearts across borders. Prime Minister Narendra Modi said in his 'Mann ki Baat' episode, "Those who play, they bloom." Today, when we look at major international tournaments like the T20 World Cup, we see many faces of Indian origin in the uniforms of foreign teams.

Representing countries like the United States, Canada, Oman, UAE, Italy, and New Zealand, these players have become powerful symbols of India's growing 'soft power.' These players are not only bringing glory to their new homelands but also serve as an inspiration to youth around the world because they remain emotionally and culturally connected to their roots.

Dilpreet Bajwa

Canadian national team captain Dilpreet Bajwa was born in Gurdaspur, Punjab. As an aggressive batsman and useful off-spinner, he forms the backbone of the Canadian team. His impressive strike rate in T20 Internationals reflects his athletic talent.



Navneet Dhaliwal

Chandigarh-born Navneet Dhaliwal is a powerful top-order batsman for Canada. He has played over 30 T20 Internationals for Canada, scoring several crucial half-centuries.



Harsh Thaker

Ahmedabad-born Harsh Thakar is a talented all-rounder who has played a key role in helping his team win many crucial matches at the international level with both his bowling and batting.



Shreyas Movva

Born in Guntur, Andhra Pradesh, Canadian wicketkeeper-batsman Shreyas Mova is known for his agility behind the stumps and his ability to score quick runs in the lower order.

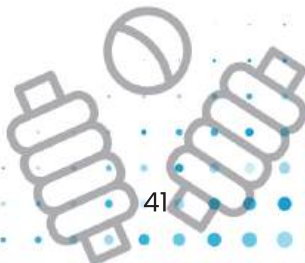
Monank Patel

The captain of the US team, Monank Patel, has previously played for the Gujarat Under-16 and Under-18 teams. He has an impressive record in both ODI and T20 formats at the international level, including a century and several half-centuries in ODIs.



Saurabh Netravalkar

Saurabh Netravalkar from Mumbai played in the Under-19 World Cup for India and is now a leading fast bowler in the United States. He boasts excellent economy rates in both ODIs and T20s and tops the list of American bowlers with the most wickets.





Harmeet Singh

Born in Mumbai, Harmeet Singh is a skilled left-arm spinner. After a stellar performance in Indian domestic cricket, he moved to the United States and is now taking wickets as the main spinner for the team there.



Milind Kumar

The Delhi-born player has amassed a wealth of runs in Indian domestic cricket. Milind now bolsters the American middle order with his experience and excellent batting skill.



Jatinder Singh

Born in Ludhiana, Jatinder is one of Oman's most experienced and prominent batsmen. He has played over 50 T20 Internationals for Oman, scoring over 1,200 runs. He has also captained the Oman cricket team.



Vinayak Shukla

Kanpur-born Vinayak Shukla is a talented wicketkeeper-batsman for Oman, known internationally for his excellent wicketkeeping and aggressive batting.



Karan Sonavale

Born in Mumbai, 31-year-old Karan Sonawale is a prolific top-order batsman and off-break bowler. He has proved special recognition for himself and also for Oman in the T20 format, scoring runs at an impressive strike rate.



Jay Odedra

Jai Odedra from Porbandar (Saurashtra) is an impressive off-spinner. He has taken over 20 wickets in ODIs and several crucial wickets at excellent economy rates in T20s while playing for Oman.

Ashish Odedra

Born in Junagadh, Gujarat, Ashish Odedra is a left-arm spinner and right-handed batsman. Since making his international debut for Oman in 2024, he has performed well in the middle order, including an unbeaten ODI half-century.



Sohaib Khan

Sohaib Khan rose to the UAE national team from Gaya district in Bihar. He studied at Jamia Millia Islamia while in India and represented the university's cricket team. Recently, he played an aggressive innings of 51 runs off 29 balls against Canada, contributing significantly to the team's victory.

The way Indian-origin players are bringing glory to themselves and India across the world through sports is a matter of pride for every Indian. These sportsmen prove that no matter where an Indian lives in the world, they can create their own identity through hard work and dedication and remain connected to their homeland.

Courtesy: Photos of all players taken from their social media handles.



Dr. Anil Kumar

Director

National Organ and Tissue
Transplant Organisation
(NOTTO)

ORGAN DONATION IN INDIA

**Policy, Public Trust,
and Collective
Responsibility**

Organ donation in India stands as one of the most profound and compassionate acts a person can undertake, transforming personal loss into renewed life and hope. It is far more than a medical procedure; it reflects a shared social responsibility and our collective conscience as a nation. Organ transplantation today demonstrates how medical science, responsive public policy, and citizen participation can converge to save lives. Over the past decade, India has steadily built a transparent and nationally coordinated transplant ecosystem grounded in accountability, technology, and growing public trust.

The Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, has been emphasising the importance of organ donation in his 'Mann ki Baat' addresses, giving significant impetus to the movement across the country.

The progress is evident. The number of organ transplants in India has increased fourfold—from less than 5,000 in 2013 to more than 20,000 in 2025. Deceased donor organ transplants have increased from 837 in 2013 to about 3,475 in 2025. The national organ donation rate has also risen fourfold during this period. These achievements reflect sustained policy reforms, strengthened governance mechanisms, and the dedication of healthcare professionals across the country.

Policy, Awareness and Public Participation

India's transplant ecosystem is anchored in the Transplantation of Human Organs and Tissues Act (THOTA) 1994, which recognises brainstem death, establishes safeguards against misuse, and mandates transparent and equitable organ allocation.

The foundation of organ donation

remains human compassion. One deceased donor after brain stem death can save up to eight lives through donation of organs such as kidneys, liver, heart, lungs, pancreas and intestine. In addition, tissue donation including cornea, skin, bones, and hands—can transform many more lives. Tissues can also be donated after circulatory and natural death.

Public participation has also grown significantly. Since september 2023, over 4.8 lakh citizens have pledged organ donation through an Aadhaar-verified digital platform. In 2025 alone, more than 1,200 families consented to multi-organ donation following certification of brainstem death, enabling life-saving transplants nationwide. These figures reflect growing awareness and trust, though the demand for organs still exceeds availability.

Equal Financial Accessibility

The Government of India is implementing the National Organ Transplant Programme (NOTP), which aims to improve access to life-transforming transplantation for needy citizens of our country by promoting deceased organ donation and strengthening transplant services. Financial support is provided for establishing and upgrading transplant and retrieval centres in the public sector, hiring trained transplant coordinators, maintaining deceased donors, facilitating organ transportation, providing post-transplant immunosuppressive medicines, and offering funeral support for deceased donors. These measures enable hospitals in smaller cities and emerging medical hubs to participate effectively in the national transplant ecosystem.



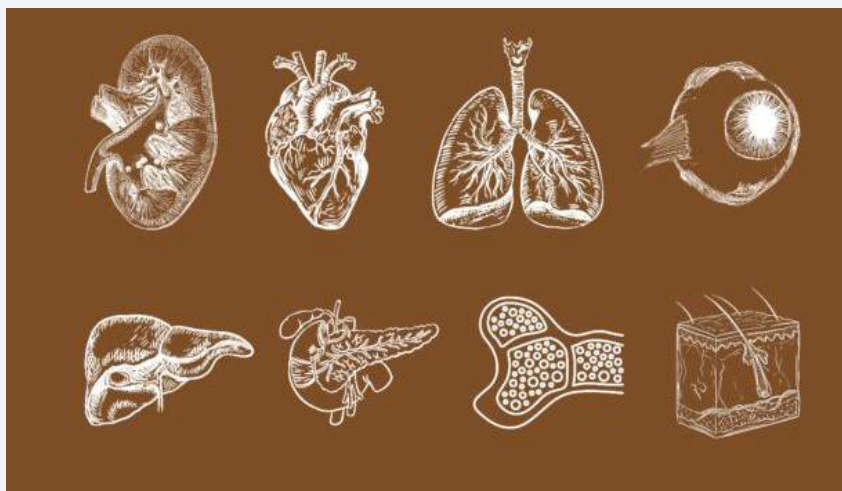
Under the programme, dedicated organ and tissue transplant organisations at National (NOTTO), Regional (ROTO) and State (SOTTO) levels have been established, which network with more than 950 hospitals performing organ transplantation or retrieval for providing an efficient system of organ procurement and distribution.

Several public health protection schemes further reduce financial barriers. Ayushman Bharat – Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY) covers kidney transplantation; Rashtriya Arogya Nidhi (RAN) supports major organ transplants; the Pradhan Mantri National Dialysis Programme (PMNDP) provides free dialysis services at district facilities; and the Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP) ensures affordable

access to quality medicines, including post-transplant immunosuppressants. Together, these initiatives help address both transplantation costs and long-term treatment needs.

Digital Integration

Digital integration has further strengthened transparency and efficiency. Online registries and improved data management have enhanced traceability, reduced delays, and empowered citizens to make informed decisions. Technology has thus become both a governance tool and a bridge between policy and public participation. Citizens are encouraged to discuss their wishes with family members and consider registering as organ donors on the NOTTO portal www.notto.abdm.gov.in or through the 24x7 national helpline 1800-11-4770.





Challenges and the Road Ahead

Despite progress, challenges remain. A significant proportion of transplants in India still rely on living donors, highlighting the need to strengthen deceased donation systems. The limited presence of transplant facilities in the public sector can affect affordability and equitable access. Many rural and semi-urban hospitals lack the advanced critical care infrastructure required for timely brainstem death identification and donor maintenance.

Efforts are underway to expand transplant and retrieval facilities in government hospitals, particularly in underserved districts, while strengthening training for ICU physicians, transplant coordinators, and grief counsellors to improve donor identification and consent rates. Awareness initiatives through digital platforms and

community outreach are also being intensified to address misconceptions and encourage voluntary organ donation.

Organ Donation – My Right

Organ donation is a right of every citizen of the country, and the government is committed to establishing the necessary systems so that every person or family can make a free, voluntary, and informed decision to say yes or no to organ donation.

A Call to Citizens

Organ donation is often described as ‘Mahadaan’ — the supreme act of generosity. It reflects India’s long tradition of compassion and giving. Every conversation about organ donation can save a life. Let us all contribute to this national endeavour of promoting the noble cause of saving lives.

Be a Life Giver – Spread the Word on Organ Donation.

Jai Hind!

The Gift of Life

STORIES OF ORGAN DONATION THAT INSPIRE THE NATION

The decision to donate organs often emerges from the most difficult moments of human life, when grief and loss test the strength of families. Yet, it is precisely in such moments that extraordinary compassion is revealed. Across India, stories of organ donation continue to demonstrate how a single act of generosity can transform despair into hope. From the courageous decision taken by the family of little Aalin Sherin Abraham in Kerala, to the renewed lives of transplant survivors like Laxmi Devi from Delhi, Gouranga Banerjee from West Bengal, and Ramdev Singh from Rajasthan, these journeys reflect courage, empathy, and the profound spirit of giving.



Aalin Sherin Abraham





It was all extremely coincidental and unfortunate. Our kid met with an accident. She died after suffering major injuries. She was just 10 months old. It was after a lot of discussions between my son and daughter-in-law that we decided to donate the internal organs. We decided to donate organs so that it would save the lives of a few people. In this case, it saved the lives of 4 people and one person regained their vision. We believe this as a Godly act.

-Reji Samuel, Grandfather of Aalin Sherin Abraham, 10 months old organ donor, Kerala



My heart was functioning at only 15%, but now I'm perfectly healthy. After the transplant, I've travelled to Neelkanth, Kedarnath, Prayagraj, Vaishno Devi & Khatu Shyam. I've been driving a cab for the past 2 years. I have three daughters whom I want to spend their lives in the service of the country, patients and the poor. A lot of people have to lose their lives due to unavailability of organs. I want to express my heartfelt thanks to the girl who donated her heart to me. People should donate their organs. If my body can give life to someone, I will also donate.

- Laxmi Devi, Heart transplant survivor, Delhi



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My heartfelt thanks to the Hon'ble Prime Minister for highlighting my transplant journey on Mann Ki Baat programme. I underwent a double lung transplant on 22nd January 2019. It became possible because of the generosity of a brave family, who through the donation of their loved one's organs, kept both me and their loved one alive within me. In the year before transplant, I was completely dependent on oxygen support. I couldn't even walk a short distance without oxygen. Even in the washroom I had to use the oxygen. I will remain forever grateful to the donor's family, to the doctors and their team, to my family and to all my well-wishers for enabling me to live a normal life today. By God's grace, I've now been able to visit places like Nathu La pass. My humble appeal to all of you: "Please come forward for organ donation and help others to spread awareness. There's no greater gift than giving someone a new lease of life."

-Gouranga Banerjee, Lung transplant survivor, West Bengal

Donation



Both my kidneys got damaged. I became hopeless about my life. Doctors suggested the option of transplant. My parents were ready to donate their kidney to me. I was afraid of the risks. But doctors said that the donor as well as the patient can live a normal life after transplant. The transplant happened in 2012. My mother donated her kidney to me, and my life became normal again. Organ India helped me train for the Transplant Games for which we went to Germany in 2025 and won a number of medals. India ranked 13th. I hope next time we will rank 1st."

-Ramdev Singh, Kidney transplant survivor, Sikar, Rajasthan

Organ donation is more than a medical procedure. It is an expression of empathy and shared humanity. Each donor family and transplant recipient carries forward a story of courage, resilience and gratitude, proving that even in moments of loss, hope can flourish.

Rajaji Utsav

In memory of C. Rajagopalachari

India is fast moving ahead to preserve its glorious culture and national heritage on top priority basis. Honourable Prime Minister had pronounced “five vows” from the Red Fort which included ‘freedom from a mindset of slavery’ as a prominent resolve. Observing Rajaji Utsav has been a big step in making the historical contribution made by great champion of freedom movement C. Rajagopalachari etched in our memory.

Resolve to get rid of the symbols of slavery : We could see symbols of British rulers in our highest institutions even decades after achieving independence. With a fresh awakening, India is now removing these colonial symbols and is according a rightful place to its great sons & heroes.

Rajaji Utsav organised in Rashtrapati Bhavan : The historical Rajaji Utsav was organised on 23 February in Rashtrapati Bhavan, the most prestigious venue, to reflect changing Indian mindset and to affirm



reverence towards our national heritage.

Unveiling of Rajaji's statue : Statue of the country's great son C. Rajagopalachari, fondly called Rajaji was unveiled in the Central Court of Rashtrapati Bhavan on this grand occasion.

Historical dignity of India's first Governor General : C. Rajagopalachari was the first Governor General of Independent India who strengthened the democratic and administrative infrastructure of our country.



Spirit of selfless service, no lust for power : Rajaji was one among such rare leaders who never vied for power or any post. For him, his post was a medium to render selfless service to the people of the country.

Inspiring conduct and an independent thinker : Rajaji's neat conduct in public life, his spirit of extreme self discipline and his independent thinking were amazing. His high values of life are a source of big inspiration to all Indians, especially our youth even today.

Special exhibition depicting Rajaji's life : Rajaji Utsav was not confined to unveiling of his statue and an exhibition based on his unparalleled contribution in nation building was also organised between 24 February to 1 March so that people could get to know about his towering stature and his invaluable contribution in nation building.

A banner for Rajaji Utsav featuring a portrait of C. Rajagopalachari on the left. The text on the banner is in Hindi and English. Below the banner is a photograph of a stage event with several people seated in chairs.

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चक्रवर्ती राजगोपालाचारी
के जीवन-वृत्त और विरासत का स्मृति-पर्व
Rajaji Utsav
Celebrating the life & legacy of
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From Innovation to Global Export

The Growing Strength of Indian Agriculture



Agriculture in India is not merely a livelihood; it is the foundation of our culture and way of life. The Honourable Prime Minister Narendra Modi said in his 'Mann ki Baat' programme that our farmers are not only "Annadata" (provider of food), but also the true devotees of the earth. Today, the Indian farmer is creating a remarkable balance between centuries-old traditions and modern technology. Our farmers are now focusing not only on increasing production, but also on improving quality, adding value, and reaching new markets across the world.

We can understand this positive and revolutionary transformation taking place in Indian agriculture through some very inspiring examples.

The Power of Integrated Farming: The Story of Young Farmer Hirod Patel

A young farmer, Hirod Patel, from Ratanpur village in Sundargarh district of Odisha, has begun to look at farming from a new and more commercial perspective. There was a time when he practiced only traditional



paddy cultivation, and he also faced repeated losses in tomato farming. However, through his hard work and innovation, he developed a model of integrated farming, which has now become an example for farmers across the country. Speaking about this journey, Hirod Patel says:

"Earlier, my parents practiced intercropping on one acre of land. Because of limited space, they used to grow vegetables. Watching them inspired me. In 2018, I got an opportunity from the Horticulture Department to visit Jalgaon (Maharashtra). I was very impressed to see banana cultivation there... After seeing it, I also tried it on a trial basis and earned good profits."

To further increase his profits, Hirod got two ponds dug in 2020 and started fish farming in them. On the embankments of the ponds, he planted guava, papaya, and ber trees. His biggest innovation came when he built a strong iron



mesh structure over the ponds and started growing climbing vegetables on it. This meant that fruits, vegetables, and fish were all produced in the same space. As a result, not only was the land used more efficiently, but water was also conserved. Hirod says:

"Our farm is also visited by farmers who come to the





Horticulture Department for training. They observe this model here, and some of them have even tried to adopt it."

The Precious Heritage of Seeds: 570 Varieties of Rice in One Field

This innovation is not limited to profits only; it has also become a major movement to preserve the heritage of our roots and

seeds. In the Thrissur district of Kerala, there is a village where farmers, through Sarvadodaram Organics are cultivating more than 570 varieties of rice in a single field. These include local varieties, herbal varieties, as well as varieties brought from other states and even other countries.

Leading this remarkable initiative, Hrishikesh, the President of Sarvadodaram Organics, has to say this about his initiative:

"We began collecting seeds out of our personal interest. In the beginning, we had 124 varieties. With the support of people associated with the field of agriculture, we gradually collected seeds from across India and even from abroad, and now we have reached 570 varieties. We do not keep these seeds limited to ourselves; we also give them to other farmers for cultivation and for the exchange of seeds."



Managing such a vast diversity across 80–85 acres of organic farming is not easy. Hrishikesh explains:

“Growing seeds from different climatic regions together is a major challenge. The requirements of climate, water, and minerals are different for every seed. Agricultural experts gave us ideas about the right time for seed germination. Because of our interest and passion, and with God’s grace, we have been able to do this successfully.”

The tireless efforts of our farmers have led to a remarkable outcome: today, India has become the largest producer of rice in the world. The country now produces more than 150 million tonnes of rice annually. Today, India is not only meeting the needs of its 1.4 billion people, but is also making a significant contribution to the world’s food basket.



GI Tags and Soaring Exports

India’s agricultural strength is no longer limited to quantity alone; its quality is also making a strong mark on the global stage. Today, the produce of our farmers is reaching international markets easily, even by air transport.

Recently, the famous Nanjangud Banana, Mysuru Betel Leaf, and Indi Lime from Karnataka were exported to Maldives by air. These products are known for their distinctive taste and exceptional quality, which is why they have also been awarded the honour of a Geographical Indication (GI) Tag.

Today’s Indian farmer is changing. He is using technology, preserving the heritage of seeds, and creating a place for himself in the global market through GI tags.

From innovation to global exports, this journey is proof that a new and modern energy has now been infused into Indian agriculture.

KERALA KUMBH

The Southern Stream of Faith

Whether it's the Maha Kumbh or the Kerala Kumbh, it's not just a festival of bathing. It's a reminiscential awakening of memory. It's a re-remembrance of culture. From North to South, the rivers may be different, the banks may be different, but the stream of faith is the same—this is Bharat.

—Prime Minister Narendra Modi in
'Mann ki Baat' address

On the sacred banks of the Bharathapuzha River at Tirunavaya in Malappuram district of Kerala, a centuries-old spiritual tradition known as the Maha Magha Mahotsavam, often referred to as the Kerala Kumbh was observed for 17 long days from 18 January to 3 February 2026. Associated with the sacred month of Magha, the festival brought together devotees who gathered on the riverbanks for holy bathing (Magha Snanam), prayers and spiritual rituals. This historic gathering had largely faded for nearly two and a half centuries, but its revival reflects India's renewed effort to reconnect with its cultural and spiritual heritage echoing the same stream of devotion that flows through the great river festivals of the country, from the Maha Kumbh in the North to the Kerala Kumbh in the South.



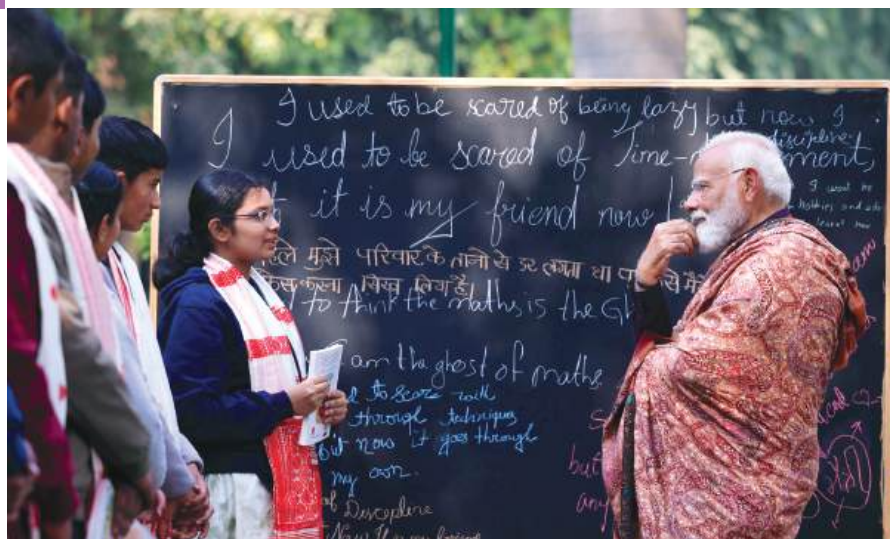
Kerala Kumbh





Pariksha Pe Charcha

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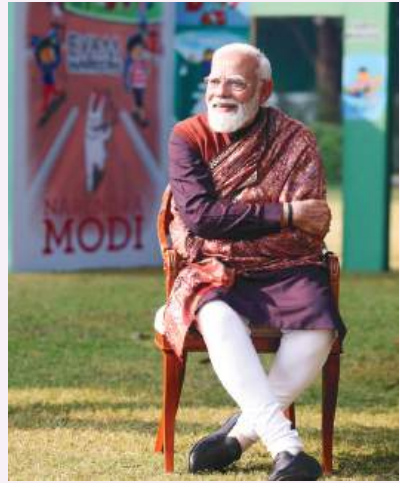


Led by the Hon'ble Prime Minister, 'Pariksha Pe Charcha (PPC)' fills the hearts of millions of students with enthusiasm and joy every year. With over 4.5 crore registrations from students, parents, and teachers for its latest 9th edition, and an additional 2.26 crore participants engaging in associated activities, making overall participation over 6.76 crore individuals, PPC has now become a Jan Andolan. The registrations have surpassed the Guinness World Record of 3.53 crore registrations recorded last year in PPC 2025.

Organised by the Department of School Education and Literacy under the Ministry of Education, 'Pariksha Pe Charcha' is designed to address students' exam-related stress, emotional resilience, holistic development and a healthy and balanced approach to learning. The initiative encourages students to 'be a warrior, and not a worrier' and views examinations not as a burden but as an Utsav and an opportunity for growth and self-discovery.

In the recent edition of PPC, the Hon'ble Prime Minister encouraged students to follow their own study patterns and avoid comparisons with others, recognising that every learner has a unique pace and style of preparation. The interaction emphasised setting meaningful goals, stepping out of one's comfort zone, and celebrating individual strengths while continuously striving for improvement. Students were also advised to use technology and emerging tools like Artificial Intelligence wisely to support learning, while building confidence, curiosity and a positive attitude towards examinations.

Pariksha Pe Charcha 2026 marked a significant milestone



with the introduction of a multi-location format of interaction for the first time, expanding the programme beyond its traditional single-venue interaction in New Delhi. This new approach enabled students from different regions of the country to participate more



directly in the national dialogue on education and examinations.

While the main interaction took place in New Delhi, special interactions were organised in four additional locations across India:

- Dev Mogra, Gujarat
- Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu
- Raipur, Chhattisgarh
- Guwahati, Assam

These locations were chosen to represent different geographical regions - West, South, Central, and Northeast India, ensuring nationwide representation and inclusivity.

In the run-up to Pariksha Pe Charcha 2026, the Ministry of Education organised a series of nationwide, student-centric engagement activities to create a positive and

motivating environment around examinations. These activities were conducted from 12 January (National Youth Day) to 23 January (Parakram Diwas), linking the initiative with important national commemorations that inspire youth with values of confidence, discipline and courage. The programme began with the 'Swadeshi Sankalp Daud', a student-led run organised in schools across the country. Quizzes, writing competitions and interactive activities were also hosted. Around 2.26 crore students participated in these engagement activities, reflecting the massive outreach of the initiative and transforming the run-up to Pariksha Pe Charcha into a nationwide movement.





"After listening to his advice, I felt that I should gather all the information about my ideals, and see which background they came from, what all challenges they faced; and based on that information, what little steps I can take and work on that. When the first step completes, we can move to the next step."



-Bhoomika Sharma, Rajasthan



"I asked him how we can balance our hobbies and studies. He gave the solution that if we keep our hobbies and studies mixed, we will lose none of these."

-Megha Patra, Raipur, Chhattisgarh edition of PPC 2026

"One thing I would like to take away is the way he explained why he wrote this book, talking about the students of 10th and 12th and how much pressure they take, and only for that he started writing that book."



-Kanishka S., Coimbatore, Tamilnadu edition of PPC 2026



"When Sir came, we noticed that he was wearing a jacket with Warli art on it. There is a lot of importance of Warli art in our Tribal community. It was really nice to see that."

-Mit Shileshbhai Chaudhary, Dev Mogra, Gujarat edition

PPC 2026

Colours of Celebration

Spirit of Swadeshi

India's festive calendar reflects a rare synergy of spiritual devotion and cultural vibrancy.



From the holy month of Ramzan to the colourful festivities of Holi, there is a renewed call to integrate the 'Vocal for Local' mantra into our celebrations, ensuring that the prosperity of our festivals reaches the hands of our own local producers.

Local products carry the stories, techniques, and cultural essence of our land. By choosing Swadeshi, we ensure that our traditional crafts and ancient wisdom are preserved for future generations.



Every time we choose a locally made product, we are directly supporting the livelihood of a small-scale entrepreneur. Our purchase is a direct contribution to their family's prosperity.



Ramzan Mubarak

Our festivals are the heartbeat of our culture; let's make sure they also beat for our country's craftsmen.







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Write wholeheartedly about what you've studied. And don't let that one question about what you didn't understand dominate your mind. And one more thing: keep talking to your parents and teachers.

Many foreign-made products have entered our Holi celebrations, or even other festivals. Keep them away from festivals, keep them away from Holi as well, and adopt Swadeshi.



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आजादी के असुर महोत्सव के दौरान मैंने जहां कितने से पंच प्राणों की बात कही थी। उनमें से एक है - गुलामी की मानसिकता से मुक्ति।

आज देना गुलामी के प्रतीकों को पीछे छोड़कर भारत की संस्कृति से जुड़ी चीजों को महत्व देने लगा है। इस दिशा में हमारा राष्ट्रपति भवन ने भी एक महत्वपूर्ण कदम उठाया है।

23 फरवरी को राष्ट्रपति भवन में 'राजाजी उत्सव' मनाया जाएगा। इस अवसर पर राष्ट्रपति भवन के केन्द्रीय संग्रहालय में सी. राजगोपालाचारी जी की प्रतिमा का अनावरण किया जाएगा।

सी. राजगोपालाचारी जी स्वतंत्र भारत के पहले भारतीय गवर्नर जनरल थे। वे उन लोगों में थे, जिन्होंने सत्ता को पद की तरह नहीं, सेवा की तरह देखा। सार्वजनिक जीवन में उनका आचरण, आत्मसंतोष और स्वतंत्र चिंतन, आज भी हमें प्रेरित करता है।

- आदर्शपूर्ण प्रणामार्थ श्री @narendramodi जी

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बैंक से KYC update या Ie-KYC करवाने के message आते हैं, तो मन में सवाल उठता है- मैंने तो पहले ही KYC करावा रखा है, तो ये फिर क्यों? मेरा आपसे अफ़स है, छुट्टाए नहीं, पे आपके पैसे को सुरक्षा के लिए ही है।

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ओडिशा के युवा किसान डिरोड पटेल जी की यात्रा वास्तव में प्रेरक है, जिसका उल्लेख माननीय प्रधानमंत्री श्री @narendramodi जी ने 'मन की बात' में भी किया।

पारंपरिक धान की खेती से अगे बढ़ते हुए उन्होंने अपने खेत के लाताब पर जालीदार संरचना बनाकर खेत वाली सब्जियाँ लगाईं, बारी और केले, अमरुद और नायल लगाए तथा तताब में मछली पालन शुरू किया। एक ही स्थान पर खेती, फस, सब्जी और मछली पालन से भूमि का बेहतर उपयोग, जल संरक्षण और अतिरिक्त आय संभव हुई, जो ओडिशा सहित देशभर के किसानों के लिए नक्कल और अजनीभरता का सफल उदाहरण है।

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मोदी जी ने #MannKiBaat में देखाबियों को डिजिटल असेस और फाइनैशियल फ्रॉड के खिंताक जगलरूप करके डूर उन्हें निरंतर सतर्कता बरतने और जगलरूप रहने की अपील की।



Gajendra Singh Shekhawat @gsjshgaur

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आज 'मन की बात' में प्रधानमंत्री जी ने बताया कि किस प्रकार 'इंडिया एआई इम्यूव संमि' में शिक्ष के शीर्ष स्तुल ने एआई की सहायता से हमारी प्राचीन पंडुलिपियों के संग्रहण, संरक्षण और उनके प्रभाव को देखकर आश्चर्य व्यक्त किया।

भारत आज अपने समृद्ध ज्ञान-विरासत को अत्याधुनिक तकनीक के माध्यम से पुनः वैश्विक परिप्रेक्ष्य में स्थापित कर रहा है।

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आज मन की बात के 131वें एपिसोड में आदर्शपूर्ण प्रधानमंत्री जी ने कहा कि आज देना गुलामी के प्रतीकों को पीछे छोड़कर भारतीय संस्कृति से जुड़े प्रतीकों को सम्मान दे रहा है।

उन्होंने बताया कि कत राष्ट्रपति भवन में 'राजाजी उत्सव' का आयोजन स्वी दिश में एक महत्वपूर्ण कदम है।

यह उत्सव भारत की सांस्कृतिक विरासत, आत्मगौरव और परंपराओं के सम्मान को और सशक्त करने का प्रतीक है।

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अब तक की सबसे बड़ी AI summit #IndiaAIImpactSummit2026 देशवासियों की उपस्थिति को सामने लाने का एक मजबूत प्लेटफॉर्म बना।

अने धारी समय में AI की शक्ति का उपयोग दुनिया किस प्रकार करेगी, इस दिशा में यह summit एक turning point साबित हुई है।

Summit में दो products ने दुनिया भर के leaders को बहुत प्रभावित किया-

- 1- अमूल के booth पर AI जानवरों का इलाज करने में हमारी मदद कर रही है और 24x7 AI assistance को मदद से किसान अपनी डेयरी और जानवर का हिाब रखते हैं
- 2- AI की मदद से हम हमारे प्राचीन ग्रंथों को, हमारे प्राचीन ज्ञान को, हमारी धर्मग्रंथों को संरक्षित कर रहे हैं, आज की generation के अनुरूप ढाल रहे हैं

इस summit में दुनिया को AI के क्षेत्र में भारत की अद्भुत क्षमताएँ देखने को मिली हैं। इस दौरान भारत ने तीन Made in India AI Model भी launch किए।

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Dr. S. Jalshankar
@DrSjalshankar

Among the many inspiring examples of innovation and transformation shared by PM @narendramodi In today's #MannKiBaat, here are a few key highlights:

The recently held #IndiaAIImpactSummit2026 In New Delhi saw the participation of several world leaders, tech CEOs, innovators and start-ups.

Visitors were particularly impressed by farmers using @Amul_Coop's '24x7 AI Assistant' to monitor dairy operations and livestock, and by 'Gyan Bharatan', which is leveraging AI to preserve India's ancient scriptures, traditional knowledge and manuscripts.

The presence of Indian-origin players representing national teams of and others at the Men's cricket 2026 #T20WorldCup reflects how the Indian diaspora contributes to their adopted nations while retaining a strong bond with their motherland.

India's agricultural exports are reaching new markets by air, with Nanjangud bananas from Karnataka, betel leaves from Mysuru, and Indi lemons recently shipped to the Maldives.

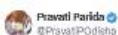
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प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी जी के द्वारा आयोजित 'मन्न की बात' कार्यक्रम में, किसानों के बीच 'मन्न' के उपयोग के बारे में चर्चा हुई। यह कार्यक्रम किसानों के बीच 'मन्न' के उपयोग के बारे में चर्चा करने का एक मजबूत प्लेटफॉर्म बना।



Pawan Parida
@PawanPOdisha

Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri @narendramodi Ji lauds Odisha farmer Hirod Patal on Mann Ki Baat, highlighting his inspiring agricultural innovation.

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via Niatto App

Odisha farmer Hirod Patel finds special mention in PM Modi's 'Mann Ki Baat'
ODISHA TV, FEBRUARY 23RD, 2026



PM Modi praised Odisha's young farmer Hirod Patel during the 131st episode of Mann Ki Baat, describing his journey as inspiring and transformative. Moving beyond conventional paddy cultivation, he diversified into banana and fish farming as well. Hirod Patel has earned significant profits by cultivating paddy, bananas and fish.



Dr. Dilip Jalawad
@DilipjalawadSJP

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आज दुनिया की सगात है कि भारत जो सक्ता है, जो 2वीं सदी की चुनौतियों का समाधान दे सकती है।

माननीय प्रधानमंत्री श्री @narendramodi जी

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राजाजी अस्वय गानामी

की मानसिकता से बाहर आने का प्रमाण

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साइबर सुरक्षा के प्रति लोगों को सचेत किया

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मन की बात को 13वीं कड़ी में प्रधानमंत्री के संबोधन का मूल पाठ, गुलामी की मानसिकता से मुक्ति और राजाजी उत्सव

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swarmers campaigned led by public figures can influence attitudes, particularly when accompanied by clear information about the legal and medical implications of a pilot. Under the Transplantation of Human Organs and Tissues Act, brain donation, by contrast, is a pilot of donor-recipient organ can be approved for donation and allocation is governed by a national waiting list in greatest need.

Ms Gifford also co-ordinates with efforts by the United States Ministry of Health to encourage organ donation of organ donors and is a policy

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मन की बात में पीएम मोदी ने 'राजाजी उत्सव' का किया ऐलान, स्वदेशी अपनाने की अपील



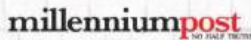
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At this summit, the world got to see India's amazing capabilities in the field of AI. During this period, India also launched three Made in India AI Models. This in itself has been the biggest AI summit ever. The enthusiasm and excitement of the youth pertaining to this summit was worth watching. I congratulate all the countrymen for the success of this summit.

– Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi



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