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1. National

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India Records 20,138 Organ Transplants in 2025; NOTTO Launches e-Pratyaropan Platform

03 Aug

- The 16th Indian Organ Donation Day was observed on 3 August 2026 at a national event organised by the National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organization under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare in New Delhi.
- The NOTTO Annual Report 2025-26 records 20,138 organ transplants in 2025 — the highest ever in a single year, a fourfold rise from 4,990 in 2013 and 6.5 per cent above the 18,911 recorded in 2024.
- India ranks third worldwide in total organ transplants after the United States and China, and retains first position globally in living donor transplants; deceased donor transplants rose more than fourfold from 837 in 2013 to 3,526 in 2025.
- The occasion saw the launch of the Jug Jug Jiyo Abhiyaan awareness campaign, the e-Pratyaropan unified digital platform and the NOTTO mobile application, and the release of the National Brain Stem Death Certification Guidelines and the National Guidelines on Swap Transplantation.
- Aadhaar-verified organ donation pledges have crossed five lakh since the national digital pledge portal was launched in 2023, with over 2.58 lakh citizens pledging during the year.

QUICK FACTS

Occasion	16th Indian Organ Donation Day, observed on 3 August 2026, organised by NOTTO under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare in New Delhi
Why 3 August	the day commemorates the first successful heart transplant in India, performed on 3 August 1994 at AIIMS, New Delhi, after the promulgation of the Transplantation of Human Organs Act, 1994
Transplants in 2025	20,138 — the highest ever in a single year, against 18,911 in 2024 and 4,990 in 2013
Deceased donor transplants	3,526 in 2025, up from 837 in 2013
Global position	third in total organ transplants after the United States and China; first in living donor organ transplants
Institutional network	NOTTO, 5 ROTTOs, 26 SOTTOs and around 1,200 registered hospitals, spanning 31 States and Union Territories
Aadhaar-verified pledges	over 5 lakh since the national digital pledge portal launched in 2023, including over 2.58 lakh during the year
Launched on the day	Jug Jug Jiyo Abhiyaan, the e-Pratyaropan digital platform and the NOTTO mobile application
Guidelines released	National Brain Stem Death Certification Guidelines and National Guidelines on Swap Transplantation

India Declared Free of LWE-Affected Districts as Naxal Violence Falls to Record Low

01 Aug

- India became effectively free of Left Wing Extremism-affected districts on 31 March 2026 — a target set on 24 August 2024 and achieved on schedule, per a PIB Backgrounder released 1 August 2026.
- LWE-affected districts fell from 126 in 2014 to zero in 2026; the 'most-affected' category fell from 35 districts to zero over the same period.
- Naxal-related violent incidents fell from 870 (2014) to 33 (as on 29 July 2026); fatalities fell from 310 to 11 over the same period.
- The transformation combined security operations (SAMADHAN doctrine, elite forces), infrastructure expansion (roads, mobile towers, banking), and welfare/rehabilitation for surrendered cadres.

QUICK FACTS

Coordinating ministry	Ministry of Home Affairs, guided since 2015 by the National Policy and Action Plan on LWE
LWE-affected districts	126 (2014) -> 0 (2026); most-affected districts: 35 -> 0
Naxal violent incidents	870 (2014) -> 33 (29 July 2026); fatalities: 310 -> 11

- India declared free of LWE-affected districts on 31 March 2026
- SAMADHAN doctrine (2017) is the current operational counter-LWE strategy
- 37 districts remain classified Legacy/Thrust Districts and 1 as District of Concern for continued monitoring

2. Economy

3 articles

India's EV Sales Grow 46 Times Since 2016; Adoption Reaches 8.26 Per Cent

05 Aug

- India's EV sales grew about 46 times between 2016 and 2025 - from roughly 50,000 units to 2.3 million - outpacing global growth of about 20 times over a comparable period.
- EV adoption rose from 0.08 per cent in FY 2015-16 to 8.26 per cent in FY 2025-26, with registrations growing at a CAGR of over 62 per cent.
- EV exports rose from USD 1.2 million in 2020 to USD 84 million in 2024, with Nepal, Indonesia and Japan the top destinations.
- India had 52,718 public charging stations as of July 2026, of which 16,561 offer fast charging, per Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited.
- NITI Aayog launched the India Electric Mobility Index in August 2025, ranking States on 16 indicators across three pillars; Delhi, Maharashtra and Chandigarh emerged as Frontrunners.

QUICK FACTS

Source	PIB Backgrounder, 'Roads Reimagined: The Rise of India's Electric Vehicles Ecosystem'
EV sales	about 50,000 units in 2016 to 2.3 million in 2025 - roughly 46 times growth
Global comparison	918,000 units in 2016 to 18.78 million in 2024 - about 20 times growth
EV adoption share	0.08 per cent in FY 2015-16 to 8.26 per cent in FY 2025-26
Registration growth	CAGR of over 62 per cent over the past decade
Exports	USD 1.2 million (2020) to USD 84 million (2024); top destinations Nepal, Indonesia and Japan
Charging network	52,718 public charging stations as of July 2026, of which 16,561 are fast-charging (BHEL data)
EV startups operating in India	about 400
India's EV penetration relative to global	one-fifth in 2020, rising to over two-fifths in 2024

– Transport sector share of India's total emissions: about 9 per cent

India Crosses 800 GI Products; Uttar Pradesh Leads With 81 Registrations

04 Aug

- A PIB Backgrounder reviews India's Geographical Indication ecosystem: the country now has over 800 registered GI products, of which 607 have been granted since 2014.
- Registration and protection run under the Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration and Protection) Act, 1999, administered by the GI Registry at Chennai, which has all-India jurisdiction.
- Uttar Pradesh leads with 81 GI-tagged products as of December 2025, followed by Tamil Nadu with 76 and Maharashtra with 55.
- Authorised users have risen from 365 to 29,000 in the last ten years (as of January 2025), and a 2025 amendment to the GI Rules cut filing fees by 80 per cent and the renewal fee from Rs 3,000 to Rs 500.
- The Government has set a target of 10,000 GI registrations by 2030.

QUICK FACTS

Governing law	Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration and Protection) Act, 1999, with Rules notified in 2002
GI Registry	located at Chennai, with all-India jurisdiction
First GI in India	Darjeeling Tea from West Bengal, with protection extended to both the product and its logo
Other early registrations	Aranmula Kannadi (Kerala) and Pochampalli Ikat (Telangana)
Total registered GI products	over 800, of which 607 have been granted since 2014
Validity of a GI registration	ten years, renewable from time to time
Authorised users	up from 365 to 29,000 in the last ten years (as of January 2025)
Leading states as of December 2025	Uttar Pradesh (81), Tamil Nadu (76), Maharashtra (55)
Income effect	a GI tag can raise rural artisans' incomes by 20-30 per cent, as per the Ministry of Textiles
Target	10,000 GI registrations by 2030

- Framework became operational in 2003; GI registrations commenced in 2004-05

Samudra Manthan: Rs 84,084 Crore National Offshore Exploration Scheme Targets 600 MMTOE

03 Aug

- Samudra Manthan, the National Offshore Exploration Scheme, was approved on 31 July 2026 with a Phase-I outlay of Rs 84,084 crore up to FY 2030-31 to open up India's deepwater and ultra-deepwater hydrocarbon basins.
- It works through four components: Rs 28,534 crore for 2D and 3D seismic data acquisition and AI-assisted reprocessing, Rs 43,200 crore to drill 60 deepwater and ultra-deepwater wells on a risk-sharing basis, Rs 10,000 crore for shared offshore infrastructure and Rs 2,000 crore for an Oil and Gas Manufacturing and Services Zone.
- The scheme targets an addition of over 600 MMTOE of reserves, taking the resource base from 1.6 billion to 2.2 billion tonnes of oil equivalent, and raising annual domestic production from about 62 MMTOE to 80 MMTOE.
- It follows a decade of licensing reform — HELP and OALP in 2016, the shift from production sharing to revenue sharing contracts, and the Oilfields (Regulation and Development) Amendment Act, 2025 — and the opening of over one million sq km of the Exclusive Economic Zone after more than 99 per cent of 'No-Go' areas were removed.

QUICK FACTS

Scheme	Samudra Manthan — National Offshore Exploration Scheme, approved on 31 July 2026
Phase-I outlay	Rs 84,084 crore up to FY 2030-31
Sector ministry	Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas
Reserve target	addition of over 600 MMTOE, lifting the resource base from 1.6 billion to 2.2 billion tonnes of oil equivalent
Production target	annual output up from around 62 MMTOE to 80 MMTOE, with incremental production of 10-15 MMTOE and peak potential of 20 MMTOE
Drilling support	up to 50 per cent of eligible drilling cost or Rs 675 crore per well, whichever is lower, for 60 deepwater and ultra-deepwater wells, open to both public and private E&P operators

- India is the world's third-largest consumer of crude oil, with an annual import bill of nearly USD 144 billion (about Rs 13 lakh crore)
- First appraisal well in the Mahanadi Offshore Basin — MN-DWN18-1-HD — was spudded on 25 July 2026, the first of four planned deepwater wells

3. Banking & Finance

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ISEC Assessment: Every Rupee Under KCC-MISS Adds Rs 2.30 to Farm Value Addition

03 Aug

- A third-party assessment of the Kisan Credit Card-Modified Interest Subvention Scheme conducted through the Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bengaluru, finds that every Rs 1 invested under KCC-MISS contributes Rs 2.30 to net value addition in the agriculture and allied sector.
- The estimated subsidy outlay under MISS since inception up to 2024-25 stands at Rs 1.87 lakh crore.
- The assessment reports higher cropping intensity, more diversified crop portfolios, better timeliness of input use, and improved credit discipline among farmers receiving the Prompt Repayment Incentive.
- The collateral-free loan limit under KCC was raised from Rs 1.6 lakh to Rs 2 lakh with effect from 1 January 2025, and digital interventions such as the Kisan Rin Portal, Jan Samarth portal, e-KCC and KRISHIKA have been introduced to streamline credit delivery.
- State-wise data tabled in the Lok Sabha show 7.28 crore operative KCC accounts with Rs 10,08,256 crore outstanding in 2025-26, alongside a sharp rise in KCCs issued for animal husbandry and fisheries.

QUICK FACTS

Assessing institution	Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC), Bengaluru; findings reported by the Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
Headline finding	every Rs 1 invested under KCC-MISS contributes Rs 2.30 to net value addition in agriculture and allied activities
Operative KCC accounts in 2025-26	7,28,27,884 with Rs 10,08,256 crore outstanding
Digital interventions cited	Kisan Rin Portal, Jan Samarth portal, e-KCC and KRISHIKA
Awareness machinery	Union and State Governments, RBI, NABARD, State Level Bankers' Committees and banks run KCC saturation campaigns

- Reply tabled in the Lok Sabha on 3 August 2026 by the Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance, Shri Pankaj Chaudhary, answering Un-Starred Question No. 2423
- MISS subsidy outlay since inception to 2024-25: an estimated Rs 1.87 lakh crore
- Collateral-free KCC loan limit raised from Rs 1.6 lakh to Rs 2 lakh with effect from 1 January 2025

4. Polity & Governance

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e-Courts Phase III: 753 Crore Pages Digitised, 4.18 Crore Virtual Hearings Held

07 Aug

- A PIB Backgrounder reviews the e-Courts Mission Mode Project, launched in 2007 to move India's paper-based judiciary to a digital, trackable system; it is now in Phase III (2023-2027) with an outlay of Rs 7,210 crore.
- Over 753 crore pages of court records have been digitised, and courts have conducted more than 4.18 crore remote hearings through video conferencing.
- Video conferencing now covers 7,553 establishments including courts, jails and hospitals; e-filing is available in 4,519 courts and NSTEP in 6,895 courts.
- The National Judicial Data Grid, launched under Phase II, is the public dashboard that made case pendency visible for the first time, with separate dashboards for the Supreme Court, High Courts and District Courts.
- Of the Rs 7,210 crore Phase III outlay, Rs 53.57 crore is earmarked for artificial intelligence and machine learning in High Courts through 2027.

QUICK FACTS

Project	e-Courts Integrated Mission Mode Project, launched in 2007
Phase I	2011-2015 — over 14,000 courts computerised
Phase II	2015-2023 — introduced the National Judicial Data Grid, e-Filing and e-Sewa Kendras
Phase III	2023-2027, outlay Rs 7,210 crore
Court records digitised	over 753 crore pages
Remote hearings conducted	over 4.18 crore
Live-streaming of proceedings	operational in 11 High Courts
Virtual Courts for traffic challans	31 established; 11.33 crore challans handled, worth Rs 1,135.79 crore
AI and ML component of Phase III	Rs 53.57 crore earmarked through 2027

- Implemented jointly by the Department of Justice, Ministry of Law and Justice and the e-Committee, Supreme Court of India, in a decentralised manner through the High Courts

Government Tightens IT Rules on AI Deepfakes and Synthetically Generated Information

06 Aug

- The Government has set out the full statutory framework used against AI-generated deepfakes, spanning the Information Technology Act 2000, the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita 2023 and the IT Rules 2021.
- The IT Rules, 2021 were amended on 10 February 2026 to specifically address synthetically generated information (SGI), including deepfakes and AI-generated content.
- The amendment mandates clear labelling and traceable metadata for permissible AI-generated content so users can identify synthetic material.
- Compliance timelines were sharply cut: removal of unlawful information on valid intimation falls from 36 hours to 3 hours, and grievance redressal from 72 hours to 36 hours, with sensitive categories such as nudity or impersonation cut from 24 hours to 2 hours.
- Intermediaries that fail these obligations lose their exemption from liability for third-party content under Section 79 of the IT Act.

QUICK FACTS

Amendment date	10 February 2026, to the Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021
Subject	synthetically generated information (SGI) - deepfakes and AI-generated audio, video and text
Ministry	Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY)
Grievance redressal timeline	reduced from 72 hours to 36 hours; sensitive categories such as nudity and impersonation reduced from 24 hours to 2 hours
Penalty for non-compliance	loss of safe harbour under Section 79 of the IT Act, exposing the intermediary to prosecution

- Significant Social Media Intermediary (SSMI) threshold: 50 lakh or more registered users in India
- Takedown timeline on valid reasoned intimation from the Appropriate Government or a court order: reduced from 36 hours to 3 hours
- Appeals against Grievance Officer decisions lie to the Grievance Appellate Committee, online at gac.gov.in

Commerce Committee Tables 200th Report on India-US Trade Relations and Tariffs

06 Aug

- The Department Related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Commerce, chaired by Ms Dola Sen, MP (Rajya Sabha), presented its 200th Report on 'Evaluation of India-US Trade Relations' to both Houses on 6 August 2026.
- The Committee examined the challenges arising from US tariff measures across marine products, leather, automotive, textiles, gems and jewellery, chemicals, steel and agriculture.
- It recommends concluding the proposed India-US Bilateral Trade Agreement at the earliest and a time-bound roadmap for the Mission 500 initiative and the TRUST technology framework.
- The report records that India's services exports to the US stood at USD 51.20 billion growing at 11.58 per cent CAGR since 2020, while services imports from the US reached USD 47.32 billion at a faster 18.68 per cent CAGR.
- It asks the Government to negotiate complete exemption for generic medicines, critical minerals and smartphones from future US tariff increases, and for the DGFT to run a fast-acting watch desk tracking US customs audits in real time.

QUICK FACTS

Committee	Department Related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Commerce - a Rajya Sabha committee
Chairperson	Ms Dola Sen, Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha
Report number and subject	200th Report, 'Evaluation of India-US Trade Relations'
Presented to both Houses of Parliament	6 August 2026; draft adopted 5 August 2026
Process	four meetings spanning 7 hours and 50 minutes
Ministries and bodies examined	Commerce, Financial Services, Fisheries, External Affairs, Heavy Industries, MSME, Textiles, Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Skill Development, plus APEDA, FIEO, CII, FICCI and banks

- Full report available on the Rajya Sabha website under Committees > DRPSC-RS > Commerce

5. Science & Tech

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Government Expands Sovereign AI Stack Through IndiaAI Mission and Semicon 2.0

06 Aug

- The Government set out progress on building technological sovereignty across the AI value chain through the IndiaAI Mission and the India Semiconductor Mission.
- The IndiaAI Mission was approved on 7 March 2024 with an outlay of Rs 10,371.92 crore over five years; 20 indigenous foundation model proposals have been selected from 506 applications.
- Compute support has reached 237 approved projects and 93.18 lakh sanctioned GPU hours, with a purchase order issued for a roughly 1.1 EFLOPS AI compute system at the NIC Data Centre, Shastri Park, Delhi.
- The Union Cabinet approved Semicon 2.0 on 15 July 2026 with an outlay of Rs 1,27,500 crore, building on 12 approved manufacturing projects worth Rs 1.64 lakh crore, three of which are already in commercial production.
- India joined the Pax Silica coalition at the India AI Impact Summit 2026 to help secure the global silicon supply chain.

QUICK FACTS

IndiaAI Mission	approved 7 March 2024, outlay Rs 10,371.92 crore over five years, under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
Foundation models	20 proposals selected from 506 applications - 12 Large Multimodal Models and 8 Small Language Models, with intellectual property retained by applicants
Compute	15 Compute Service Providers empanelled over four rounds; 237 projects approved; 93.18 lakh GPU hours sanctioned
Centres of Excellence	58 AI CoEs approved; 22 initiated across 13 States and UTs
Semicon India Programme	approved by the Union Cabinet on 15 December 2021 with an outlay of Rs 76,000 crore; PIB dates the programme's launch to January 2022
Semicon 2.0	approved 15 July 2026, outlay Rs 1,27,500 crore
NM-ICPS	National Mission on Interdisciplinary Cyber-Physical Systems, outlay Rs 3,660 crore, 25 Technology Innovation Hubs

- High-Performance AI Compute System of about 1.1 EFLOPS ordered for the NIC Data Centre, Shastri Park, Delhi
- 12 semiconductor manufacturing projects approved so far, committed investment Rs 1.64 lakh crore; 3 in commercial production

Digital India at Ten: BharatNet Reaches 2.21 Lakh Gram Panchayats, UPI Serves 55 Crore

06 Aug

- The Government placed on record the decade-long progress of the Digital India programme, launched in July 2015 around digital infrastructure, digital service delivery and digital empowerment.
- About 2.21 lakh Gram Panchayats had been made service-ready under BharatNet as of June 2026, and 24,784 mobile towers commissioned under Digital Bharat Nidhi-funded schemes.
- Internet subscribers rose from 25.15 crore in March 2014 to 109.27 crore in March 2026, while telephone connections grew from 93.3 crore to over 133 crore.
- Data costs fell from Rs 269 per GB in 2014 to roughly Rs 8-10 per GB in 2025-26, among the cheapest in the world.
- UPI now serves over 55.49 crore individuals and 6.5 crore merchants across 731 banks, powering 85 per cent of India's digital payments and nearly half of global real-time digital payments.

QUICK FACTS

Programme	Digital India, launched July 2015
Three core goals	strengthening digital infrastructure, delivering government services digitally, empowering citizens through digital literacy and employment
BharatNet	about 2.21 lakh Gram Panchayats made service-ready as of June 2026
Digital Bharat Nidhi-funded mobile scheme	24,784 towers commissioned as on 30 June 2026
Aadhaar numbers generated	over 1.44 billion
Direct Benefit Transfer	318 schemes across 56 ministries; over Rs 52 lakh crore transferred
UPI	55.49 crore individuals, 6.5 crore merchants, 731 banks
Nodal ministry	Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), with the Department of Telecommunications for connectivity

Nuclear Energy Mission Allots Rs 20,000 Crore for Five Indigenous SMRs by 2033

05 Aug

- The Nuclear Energy Mission, announced in the Union Budget 2025-26, carries a budgetary provision of Rs 20,000 crore for the design, development and deployment of Small Modular Reactors.
- The Mission targets at least five indigenous SMRs operational by 2033 and a nuclear power capacity of 100 GW by 2047.
- BARC is developing three demonstration units - the 220 MWe Bharat Small Modular Reactor (BSMR-200), the 55 MWe SMR-55, and a High Temperature Gas Cooled Reactor of up to 5 MWth for hydrogen production.
- The Atomic Energy Commission has approved Tarapur, Maharashtra as the site for both BSMR-200 and SMR-55; the HTGCR is proposed at BARC, Visakhapatnam.
- The SHANTI Act, 2025, notified on 21 December 2025, opens the nuclear sector to private participation, accords statutory status to the AERB and reforms the liability regime with graded liability.

QUICK FACTS

Mission	Nuclear Energy Mission, announced in the Union Budget 2025-26
Budgetary provision	Rs 20,000 crore for design, development and deployment of Small Modular Reactors
Targets	at least five indigenous SMRs by 2033; 100 GW nuclear capacity by 2047
Developer	Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC), a constituent unit of the Department of Atomic Energy
BSMR-200	220 MWe indigenous Pressurized Water Reactor; site approved at Tarapur, Maharashtra; augmentation to 300 MWe envisaged
SMR-55	55 MWe Pressurised Water Reactor; site also approved at Tarapur, Maharashtra
HTGCR	High Temperature Gas Cooled Reactor up to 5 MWth for process heat and hydrogen production; proposed at BARC, Visakhapatnam; siting consent received and MoEFCC Terms of Reference obtained
Build time	SMRs require 60 to 72 months after administrative and financial sanction
Indigenous material	ApuRVA - Advanced Purified Reactor Vessel Alloy - developed with Indian industry, along with reactor pressure vessel forgings and the control rod drive mechanism

– SHANTI Act, 2025 notified on 21 December 2025

6. Schemes & Committees

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Cabinet Approves GOBARdhan Scheme with Rs 23,731 Crore Outlay for Compressed Biogas

06 Aug

- The Union Cabinet on 6 August 2026 approved GOBARdhan, the National Circular Bioenergy Scheme, with an outlay of Rs 23,731 crore for FY 2026-27 to FY 2035-36.
- The scheme is administered by the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, consolidating a Compressed Biogas (CBG) ecosystem previously spread across four ministries.
- It fixes an administered CBG price of Rs 2,110 per MMBTU (about Rs 105 per kg) with a minimum ten-year horizon, and capital assistance of up to Rs 2 crore per tonne per day of installed capacity.
- A notified CBG Obligation trajectory requires City Gas Distribution entities to blend 3% in FY 2026-27, 4% in FY 2027-28 and 5% from FY 2028-29 in CNG (transport) and PNG (domestic) segments.
- The scheme targets a nearly ten-fold rise in domestic CBG output, forex savings of over Rs 40,000 crore and more than 1.5 lakh jobs over the decade.

QUICK FACTS

Scheme	GOBARdhan - Galvanizing Organic Bio-Agro Resources Dhan, relaunched as the National Circular Bioenergy Scheme
Approved by	Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister, on 6 August 2026
Nodal ministry	Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas (MoPNG)
Outlay	Rs 23,731 crore; implementation period FY 2026-27 to FY 2035-36
Administered CBG price	Rs 2,110 per MMBTU, equivalent to about Rs 105 per kg
Capital assistance	up to Rs 2 crore per tonne per day (TPD) of installed CBG capacity, for greenfield and expanding brownfield projects
Credit guarantee cover	up to 85 per cent on eligible loans to MSME-based CBG projects
Registration portal	gobardhan.eil.co.in - 1,908 CBG/Bio-CNG plants registered as on 6 August 2026, of which 217 are commissioned (0.4 MMSCMD output) and 339 under construction
Original avatar	GOBARdhan was first launched in April 2018 under the Swachh Bharat Mission-Grameen as part of its Solid and Liquid Waste Management component

Centre Releases Rs 6,155 Crore as Jal Jeevan Mission 2.0 Gains Momentum

06 Aug

- The Centre has released a total of Rs 6,154.96 crore under Jal Jeevan Mission 2.0 in FY 2026-27 - Rs 5,289.09 crore reimbursed as Central share to 10 States and Rs 865.87 crore through the SNA SPARSH platform across 13 States.
- JJM 2.0 was approved by the Union Cabinet on 10 March 2026, extending the Mission to December 2028 with a total outlay of Rs 8.69 lakh crore including Central assistance of Rs 3.59 lakh crore.
- The Mission shifts focus from infrastructure creation to assured service delivery through Gram Panchayat-led operation and maintenance, source sustainability and water quality surveillance.
- As on 18 July 2026, about 15.89 crore of 19.36 crore rural households (82.09 per cent) had tap water connections, against a baseline of 3.24 crore (16.72 per cent) when the Mission began.
- New reforms include Jal Arpan handover to Gram Panchayats, unique Sujalam Bharat IDs for water assets, geo-tagging on the PM Gati Shakti platform and community assessment through Jal Seva Aankalan.

QUICK FACTS

Mission	Jal Jeevan Mission - Har Ghar Jal, launched 15 August 2019
Implementing department	Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation, Ministry of Jal Shakti
JJM 2.0 outlay	Rs 8.69 lakh crore, including Central assistance of Rs 3.59 lakh crore
Released in FY 2026-27	Rs 5,289.09 crore reimbursement to 10 States plus Rs 865.87 crore via SNA SPARSH to 13 States
Largest reimbursement	Uttar Pradesh, Rs 2,711.52 crore; largest SNA SPARSH release: Assam, Rs 669.92 crore
Coverage as on 18 July 2026	15.89 crore of 19.36 crore rural households (82.09 per cent)
Water quality benchmark	Bureau of Indian Standards IS 10500
Union Minister of Jal Shakti	Shri C.R. Patil

– JJM 2.0 approved by the Union Cabinet on 10 March 2026, extending the Mission to December 2028

479 of 728 Eklavya Schools Functional; 4,172 Van Dhan Kendras Serve 12.48 Lakh Members

05 Aug

- The Ministry of Tribal Affairs listed thirteen major schemes for Scheduled Tribes, with five years of State-wise funds and outcomes.
- Against a target of 728 Eklavya Model Residential Schools, 479 are functional, with cumulative enrolment rising from 92,075 in 2020-21 to 1,38,336 in 2024-25.
- Under Pradhan Mantri Janjatiya Vikas Mission, 4,172 Van Dhan Vikas Kendras have been sanctioned benefiting 12,48,067 members; a further 540 VDVKs under PM-JANMAN benefit 46,042 persons.
- PM-JANMAN, launched on 15 November 2023, targets saturation of basic facilities among the 75 Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups through convergence of nine line ministries.
- DAJGUA, launched in 2024, subsumes PMAAGY and covers over 63,000 tribal-majority villages through 25 interventions across 17 ministries.

QUICK FACTS

Eklavya Model Residential Schools	479 functional against a target of 728; education up to Class XII, on par with Navodaya Vidyalayas
EMRS siting norm	one school for every block with more than 50 per cent ST population and at least 20,000 tribal persons
EMRS enrolment	92,075 in 2020-21 rising to 1,38,336 in 2024-25
PM-JANMAN	Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan, launched 15 November 2023 on Janjatiya Gaurav Divas
PM-JANMAN coverage	the 75 Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups across 18 States and the Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands
PM-JANMAN outlay	Rs 24,104 crore - Central share Rs 15,336 crore and State share Rs 8,768 crore, across 11 interventions
Van Dhan Vikas Kendras under PMJVM	4,172 sanctioned, benefiting 12,48,067 members
Van Dhan Vikas Kendras under PM-JANMAN	540 sanctioned, benefiting 46,042 persons
DAJGUA	launched 2024, subsuming PMAAGY, 25 interventions across 17 ministries, over 63,000 villages

– Odisha PVTG population captured through the PM Gati Shakti mobile application: 73,092 households and 3,12,654 persons

PMKVY Evaluation Shows Employment Rising From 26.6% to 45.4% After Training

05 Aug

- A third-party evaluation of PMKVY 4.0 by the Arun Jaitley National Institute of Financial Management found the combined employed and self-employed share of short-term training candidates rose from 26.6 per cent before training to 45.4 per cent after - an 18.8 percentage point gain.

- Across PMKVY 1.0 to 3.0, from FY 2015-16 to FY 2021-22, a total of 1.11 crore candidates were certified, of whom 24.38 lakh were reported placed under short-term training.
- A 2025 evaluation of the Jan Shikshan Sansthan scheme found 33.94 lakh enrolled, 32 lakh trained and 31.52 lakh certified - a 99 per cent success rate - with women forming 82 per cent of participants.
- The National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme, launched in August 2016 and continuing as NAPS-2 since 2022-23, pays apprentices a stipend of up to Rs 1,500 per month directly through DBT.
- NCVET, the overarching regulator for vocational education and training, has approved 10,209 qualifications, and 36 industry-led Sector Skill Councils have been set up.

QUICK FACTS

Umbrella	Skill India Mission (SIM), Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE)
Four principal schemes	PMKVY, Jan Shikshan Sansthan (JSS), National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS) and the Craftsman Training Scheme delivered through Industrial Training Institutes
Emerging-sector focus	artificial intelligence, green energy, semiconductors, logistics and tourism
NAPS stipend	up to Rs 1,500 per month paid to apprentices directly through DBT - not to establishments
NCVET	notified 5 December 2018, formed by merging the National Council for Vocational Training and the National Skill Development Agency
Qualifications approved by NCVET	10,209
Sector Skill Councils	36, led by industry leaders in their sectors
Occupation mapping standard	National Classification of Occupations, 2015
ITIs	day-to-day administration and financial control rest with State Governments and UT Administrations

– NAPS launched August 2016; continues as NAPS-2 since 2022-23, under the Apprentices Act, 1961

54,707 PACS Now e-PACS as Cooperative Computerisation Crosses 51 Crore Transactions

05 Aug

- Under the PACS computerisation project with an outlay of Rs 2,925.39 crore, 79,630 Primary Agricultural Credit Societies have been sanctioned and 63,707 onboarded onto common ERP software.
- A total of 54,707 PACS have been declared e-PACS, with 51.58 crore transactions completed through the software as on 15 July 2026.
- Model Bye-laws allowing PACS to undertake more than 25 business activities have been adopted by 32 States and Union Territories.
- Since the plan was approved on 15 February 2023, 38,138 new PACS, dairy and fishery cooperatives have been registered and 21,292 dairy and fishery societies strengthened.
- PACS functioning as Jan Aushadhi Kendras receive a 30 per cent trade margin on MRP plus incentives, and can earn average annual income of over Rs 35,000.

QUICK FACTS

Initiative	Sahakar se Samriddhi, with more than 150 individual initiatives under the Ministry of Cooperation
Ministry of Cooperation	created on 6 July 2021
PACS computerisation outlay	Rs 2,925.39 crore
PACS sanctioned under the project	79,630 from 31 States and UTs
Onboarded on ERP software	63,707; hardware delivered: 65,875 units across 30 States and UTs
Declared e-PACS	54,707, with 51.58 crore transactions as on 15 July 2026
Model Bye-laws	enable PACS to undertake more than 25 business activities; adopted by 32 States and UTs
Registered since	38,138 new PACS, dairy and fishery cooperatives; 21,292 dairy and fishery societies strengthened, as on 15 July 2026
Policy framework	National Cooperation Policy, 2025

- New societies plan approved 15 February 2023, supported by NABARD, NDDB and NFDB

Four AI Centres of Excellence Funded; UGC Lists 32 Fake Universities

05 Aug

- Four Centres of Excellence in Artificial Intelligence are now funded - Agriculture at IIT Ropar, Sustainable Cities at IIT Kanpur and Healthcare at IISc Bengaluru with a combined outlay of Rs 990 crore, plus AI for Education at IIT Madras with Rs 500 crore.
- The Department of Higher Education's expenditure rose from Rs 34,006.39 crore in 2021-22 to Rs 50,747.66 crore in 2025-26.
- Gross Expenditure on Research and Development more than doubled from Rs 60,196.75 crore in 2010-11 to Rs 1,27,380.96 crore in 2020-21.
- The UGC's latest list, published in February 2026, identifies 32 institutions as fake universities, and an Anti-Mal-Practice Cell has been set up.
- The Viksit Bharat Shiksha Adhishthan Bill, 2025, proposing technology-driven single-window regulation based on public self-disclosure, has been referred to a Joint Committee of both Houses.

QUICK FACTS

Department of Higher Education expenditure	Rs 34,006.39 crore (2021-22) rising to Rs 50,747.66 crore (2025-26)
PM-USHA	the third phase of Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan, launched June 2023, outlay Rs 12,926.10 crore for 2023-24 to 2025-26
UGC fake universities list, February 2026	32 institutions
Vidyanjali in the last year	1,27,884 schools, 32,581 volunteers and 1,126 CSR organisations, NGOs and institutions newly registered

- Education is in the Concurrent List, making expenditure a joint responsibility of the Centre and the States
- Sanctioned to IITs, NITs, IIITs, IISERs and IISc over FY 2020-21 to 2025-26: Rs 99,494.24 crore
- Three AI Centres of Excellence announced in Union Budget 2023-24 with a combined outlay of Rs 990 crore
- A fourth, AI for Education, announced in Union Budget 2025-26 with an outlay of Rs 500 crore, established at IIT Madras
- Viksit Bharat Shiksha Adhishthan Bill, 2025 referred to a Joint Committee of both Houses of Parliament

PM Surya Ghar Crosses 50 Lakh Rooftop Solar Installations; 14.8 GW Commissioned

04 Aug

- PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana has crossed 50.06 lakh households with rooftop solar installations, against 7.94 lakh installations recorded over the previous ten years.
- Cumulative commissioned capacity under the scheme stands at 14.8 GW, and Rs 28,024 crore has been released as subsidy directly to beneficiaries through Direct Benefit Transfer.
- Nearly 19 lakh households now receive zero electricity bills, and more than 12 lakh households earned Rs 421 crore in FY 2024-25 by selling surplus power to the grid.
- The pace has risen 3.2 times in nine months, from 5,038 installations a day in October 2025 to nearly 16,328 a day in July 2026, with July 2026 the highest month at 5.06 lakh households.
- Government building solarisation has reached 1.06 lakh buildings, of which 25,255 are central government buildings totalling 872 MW.

QUICK FACTS

Scheme	PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana, the flagship rooftop solar scheme of the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy
Launched	13 February 2024
Outlay	Rs 75,021 crore
Original target	rooftop solar in one crore households, with up to 300 units of free electricity a month
Households benefited so far	over 50.06 lakh
Cumulative capacity commissioned	14.8 GW
Households receiving zero electricity bills	nearly 19 lakh
Current pace	one lakh households every six days; nearly 16,328 installations a day in July 2026
Registered vendors	34,219, of whom 29,469 are active; over 2.32 lakh people trained
Concessional loan rate	5.75 per cent, benchmarked to repo rate plus 50 basis points

- Subsidy released through Direct Benefit Transfer: Rs 28,024 crore

Revamped Khelo India Scheme Gets Rs 36,441 Crore Outlay for 2026-27 to 2030-31

03 Aug

- The Union Cabinet has approved a revamped Khelo India Scheme which, together with an enhanced Assistance to National Sports Federations component, carries a combined outlay of Rs 36,441 crore for the period 2026-27 to 2030-31.
- The expanded design adds Khelo India Feeder Schools, Khelo India Utkrishta Vidyalayas, an Emerging Khelo India Athletes category that widens the structured athlete pool nearly ten-fold, a National Coach Accreditation Board and a unified digital platform for athlete, infrastructure and funding data.
- As of July 2026 the scheme had approved 349 sports infrastructure projects worth Rs 3,176 crore, set up 1,067 Khelo India Centres, supported 267 academies and backed 2,745 Khelo India Athletes.
- The scheme is aligned with Khelo Bharat Niti 2025 and the National Education Policy 2020, and is meant to support the 2030 Commonwealth Games, India's Olympic and Paralympic hosting ambitions and the goal of placing India among the world's leading sporting nations by 2036.

QUICK FACTS

Scheme	Khelo India Scheme (revamped), approved by the Union Cabinet; nodal ministry is the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports
Combined outlay	Rs 36,441 crore for 2026-27 to 2030-31, covering the revamped Khelo India Scheme plus enhanced Assistance to National Sports Federations
Budget context	the Union Budget 2026-27 allocated Rs 4,479.88 crore to the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, against Rs 1,219 crore in 2013-14
New structures introduced	Khelo India Feeder Schools, Khelo India Utkrishta Vidyalayas, Emerging Khelo India Athletes category, National Coach Accreditation Board
Stated national goal	among the world's leading sporting nations by 2036; KIRTI targets a top-10 sporting nation by 2036 and top-5 by 2047
Policy alignment	Khelo Bharat Niti 2025 (the National Sports Policy that replaced the 2001 policy) and the National Education Policy 2020

- Khelo India was originally launched in 2017 by merging three earlier programmes — Rajiv Gandhi Khel Abhiyan, Urban Sports Infrastructure Scheme and National Sports Talent Search Scheme

Skill India: 1.65 Crore Trained Under PMKVY as LFPR Holds at 59.3 Per Cent

03 Aug

- Four Lok Sabha replies tabled on 3 August 2026 by the Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship set out the state of the Skill India Mission's training network, its ITI curriculum reform and its healthcare skilling.

- The Periodic Labour Force Survey shows India's Labour Force Participation Rate for persons aged 15 and above easing marginally from 59.6 per cent in 2024 to 59.3 per cent in 2025.
- Cumulative training numbers to 30 June 2026: 1,65,41,679 under PMKVY, 1,07,42,151 under the Craftsmen Training Scheme through ITIs, 52,98,397 under NAPS and 36,58,020 under Jan Shikshan Sansthan.
- An independent evaluation of PMKVY 4.0 by the Arun Jaitley National Institute of Financial Management found the combined share of employed and self-employed short-term-training respondents rising from 26.6 per cent before training to 45.4 per cent after — an 18.8 percentage point gain.
- The Directorate General of Training now offers 170 NSQF-compliant courses through ITIs, including 32 new-age courses in areas such as semiconductors, green hydrogen, drones and industrial robotics, with curricula revised every three years instead of five and 30 per cent of ITI seats reserved for women.

QUICK FACTS

Training centres as on 30 June 2026	13,633 PMKVY 4.0 centres, 294 JSS centres, 57,935 NAPS establishments, and 13,856 ITIs (3,328 government and 10,528 private)

- Replies tabled in the Lok Sabha on 3 August 2026 by Shri Jayant Chaudhary, Minister of State (Independent Charge), Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship
- Labour Force Participation Rate (15 years and above): 59.6 per cent in 2024, easing to 59.3 per cent in 2025, per the Periodic Labour Force Survey of the National Statistics Office
- The Skill India Mission delivers training through four schemes — PMKVY, Jan Shikshan Sansthan, the National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme and the Craftsmen Training Scheme through ITIs
- NCVET has approved 10,209 qualifications, of which 2,975 are valid and active and 7,234 archived
- PM SETU aims to upgrade 1,000 Government ITIs — 200 Hub and 800 Spoke — and augment five NSTIs at Bhubaneswar, Chennai, Hyderabad, Kanpur and Ludhiana
- Two Indian Institutes of Skills have been established, at Ahmedabad and Mumbai, in PPP mode; 36 Sector Skill Councils are in place
- ITI curricula are now revised once every three years, down from once every five, following NEP 2020 and NCrF guidelines; 40 CTS course curricula have been revised so far

PM Surya Sarovar Yojana Approved for 5,000 MW Floating Solar with Storage

02 Aug

- The Government approved the Pradhan Mantri Surya Sarovar Yojana (PM-SSY) on 31 July 2026 to develop 5,000 MW of Floating Solar Photovoltaic capacity with co-located energy storage, at an outlay of Rs 5,070 crore.
- Each project must carry storage of at least two hours, adding up to 10,000 MWh, so that solar output can be shifted to peak demand hours; the scheme runs from FY 2026-27 to FY 2030-31.
- The scheme rests on a National Institute of Solar Energy assessment putting India's floating solar potential at about 102.18 GWp across reservoirs and inland water bodies, against a current floating solar base of only about 700 MW.
- India's installed solar capacity reached 162.15 GW on 30 June 2026, up more than fiftyfold from about 3 GW in 2014, with 44.61 GW added in FY 2025-26 alone.
- Solar module manufacturing capacity rose from 2.3 GW in 2014 to about 172 GW as of 31 March 2026, and total non-fossil fuel capacity reached 283.46 GW.

QUICK FACTS

Scheme	Pradhan Mantri Surya Sarovar Yojana (PM-SSY), approved 31 July 2026
Nodal ministry	Ministry of New and Renewable Energy; implementing agency: Solar Energy Corporation of India
Target	5,000 MW of Floating Solar Photovoltaic (FSPV) capacity with co-located Energy Storage Systems
Storage condition	minimum two hours per project, aggregating 10,000 MWh
Outlay	Rs 5,070 crore; projects sanctioned FY 2026-27 to FY 2030-31, with financial support disbursed up to FY 2032-33
Basis	NISE assessment of about 102.18 GWp floating solar potential across India's reservoirs and inland water bodies
Expected benefits	roughly 10 million tonnes of CO_2 avoided a year and 16,000-17,000 full-time equivalent jobs
India's solar capacity	162.15 GW as on 30 June 2026 (about 3 GW in 2014)

– All States and Union Territories are eligible; India's existing floating solar base is about 700 MW

PM Launches 100-Week Nasha Mukt Yuva for Viksit Bharat Sankalp Abhiyan

02 Aug

- The Prime Minister launched the 'Nasha Mukt Yuva for Viksit Bharat Sankalp Abhiyan' on 2 August 2026 by video conference, with more than one crore young people joining from over 28,000 locations.
- The campaign runs on a 100-Week Action Plan: every Sunday for 100 weeks carries activities around art, culture, sports, meditation, spirituality and service, taking the de-addiction message to new participants.
- It began as a pilot in Kashi (Varanasi) in 2025 and became a national project through the Kashi Declaration, drawn up with more than 125 spiritual organisations along with social organisations and NGOs.
- The campaign is anchored in the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports and delivered through MY Bharat, which connects over 2.3 crore youth, along with NSS volunteers and educational institutions.
- The Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports and Labour and Employment, Dr Mansukh Mandaviya, the Minister of State Smt Raksha Nikhil Khadse, 26 Governors and the Chief Ministers of 11 States joined the launch.

QUICK FACTS

Campaign	Nasha Mukt Yuva for Viksit Bharat Sankalp Abhiyan, launched 2 August 2026
Launched by	Prime Minister Narendra Modi, by nationwide video conference
Anchoring ministry	Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports; delivery platform: MY Bharat
Scale at launch	over one crore youth from more than 28,000 locations
Duration	a 100-Week Action Plan, with dedicated activities every Sunday
Origin	a pilot project in Kashi (Varanasi) in 2025, formalised through the Kashi Declaration
Partners in the Kashi Declaration	more than 125 spiritual organisations, plus social organisations and NGOs
Present at launch	Dr Mansukh Mandaviya (Union Minister, Youth Affairs and Sports and Labour and Employment), Smt Raksha Nikhil Khadse (Minister of State), 26 Governors and Chief Ministers of 11 States

– MY Bharat has connected over 2.3 crore youth across the country

PM-VBRY Completes One Year: Rs 99,446 Crore Scheme Adds 72 Lakh Formal Jobs

01 Aug

- PM-VBRY completed one year of implementation on 1 August 2026, with over 72 lakh first-time employees added to the formal workforce against a two-year target of 3.5 crore jobs.
- The EPFO-administered scheme runs from 1 August 2025 to 31 July 2027 with a total outlay of Rs 99,446 crore, incentivising both first-time employees (Part A) and employers (Part B).
- Nearly 30% of beneficiaries are women, and over 15 lakh workers have already received employment-linked incentive payments.

QUICK FACTS

Full name	Pradhan Mantri Viksit Bharat Rojgar Yojana (PM-VBRY)
Nodal ministry	Ministry of Labour and Employment; implemented through EPFO
Duration	1 August 2025 to 31 July 2027 (2-year scheme)
Outlay	Rs 99,446 crore
Target	over 3.5 crore jobs, including 1.92 crore first-time employees
First-year progress (as of 1 Aug 2026)	72 lakh+ first-time employees, ~30% women, 15 lakh+ paid incentives

7. Summits & Conferences

1 article

India Hosts BRICS Industry, Education and Creative Economy Meets Under 2026 Chairship

06 Aug

- India held three BRICS ministerial-track events on 6 August 2026 under its BRICS Chairship, themed 'Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability'.
- The Tenth BRICS Industry Ministers' Meeting in Jaipur concluded with a Joint Declaration and adopted a Framework for Cooperation in the SME Working Group and Terms of Reference for a new Working Group on the Photovoltaic Industry.
- India proposed a BRICS Incubator Network and a BRICS Startup Innovation Fund to support innovation-led growth.
- BRICS WAVES Bazaar opened in Mumbai with over 500 delegates from BRICS member and partner countries, positioning the creative or 'Orange' economy as a cooperation area.
- The 3rd BRICS Senior Education Officials Meeting in Bhubaneswar finalised the draft Education Ministers' Declaration, including Guiding Principles on Traditional and Indigenous Knowledge Systems.

QUICK FACTS

Chairship theme	'Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability'
Tenth BRICS Industry Ministers' Meeting	Jaipur, Rajasthan, 6 August 2026, chaired by Union Commerce and Industry Minister Shri Piyush Goyal
16th BRICS Trade Ministers' Meeting	Jaipur, 7 August 2026, preceded by the Third Contact Group on Economic and Trade Issues (CGETI) in New Delhi on 3-4 August 2026
13th BRICS Education Ministers' Meeting	Bhubaneswar, Odisha, with Union Education Minister Shri Pralhad Joshi; the 3rd Senior Officials Meeting was held there on 5 August 2026
BRICS WAVES Bazaar	Mumbai, 6-7 August 2026, over 500 delegates from 21 BRICS member and partner countries
First BRICS Summit	Yekaterinburg, Russia, 2009

- India holds the BRICS Chairship for 2026; Brazil chaired in 2025
- Held under PartNIR - the BRICS Partnership on New Industrial Revolution
- BRICS Film Festival to be held alongside the International Film Festival of India (IFFI) in November 2026

8. Important Days

1 article

President to Present 22 Handloom Awards on 12th National Handloom Day

06 Aug

- The 12th National Handloom Day will be observed on 7 August 2026 at the Rashtrapati Bhavan Cultural Centre, New Delhi, with President Droupadi Murmu as Chief Guest.
- 22 awards will be conferred - 3 Sant Kabir Handloom Awards and 19 National Handloom Awards for 2025 - along with the release of four commemorative postage stamps.
- National Handloom Day was instituted in 2015 and is observed on 7 August to commemorate the launch of the Swadeshi Movement on that date in 1905.
- The Fourth All India Handloom Census 2019-20 counted 35.22 lakh handloom weavers and allied workers across 31.45 lakh households, of whom over 72 per cent are women.
- Support runs through the National Handloom Development Programme, whose interventions have raised weaver earnings sharply - electronic jacquards lifted average monthly income from Rs 9,600 to Rs 15,000.

QUICK FACTS

Occasion	12th National Handloom Day, 7 August 2026
Venue	Rashtrapati Bhavan Cultural Centre (RBCC), New Delhi
Chief Guest	President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu
Awards	22 in total - 3 Sant Kabir Handloom Awards and 19 National Handloom Awards for 2025
Union Minister of Textiles	Shri Giriraj Singh; Minister of State: Shri Pabitra Margherita
Secretary (Textiles)	Smt Neelam Shami Rao; Development Commissioner (Handlooms): Dr M. Beena
Also released	four commemorative postage stamps on India's handloom weaving traditions
Why 7 August	it marks the launch of the Swadeshi Movement in 1905; the Day itself was instituted in 2015

– Awards are instituted under the Handloom Marketing Assistance (HMA) component of the National Handloom Development Programme (NHDP)

9. State News

1 article

PM Inaugurates Rs 17,900 Crore AP Package: Airport, Semiconductor Plant, Coastal Corridor

01 Aug

- PM Modi laid the foundation stone, inaugurated and dedicated to the nation projects worth over Rs 17,900 crore in Bhogapuram, Vizianagaram district, Andhra Pradesh, on 1 August 2026, spanning aviation, semiconductors, ports and energy.
- The new Alluri Sitarama Raju International Airport was inaugurated, named after the tribal freedom fighter who led the 1922-24 Rampa Rebellion in the same region; a semiconductor plant's foundation was laid in Visakhapatnam.
- The projects extend the Coastal Economic Corridor vision — modernising Visakhapatnam-to-Krishnapatnam ports and building new ports at Mulapeta and Ramayapatnam — alongside railway works worth roughly Rs 1 lakh crore in the region.

QUICK FACTS

Event	Bhogapuram, Vizianagaram district, Andhra Pradesh, 1 August 2026
Total project value	over Rs 17,900 crore (foundation-laying + inauguration + dedication combined)
New airport named	Alluri Sitarama Raju International Airport, Bhogapuram
India's operational airport count	74 (2014) -> 166 (2026), per the PM's address

- Semiconductor plant foundation laid at Visakhapatnam
- Region-wide railway works underway worth ~Rs 1 lakh crore, with full electrification and 70+ station modernisation