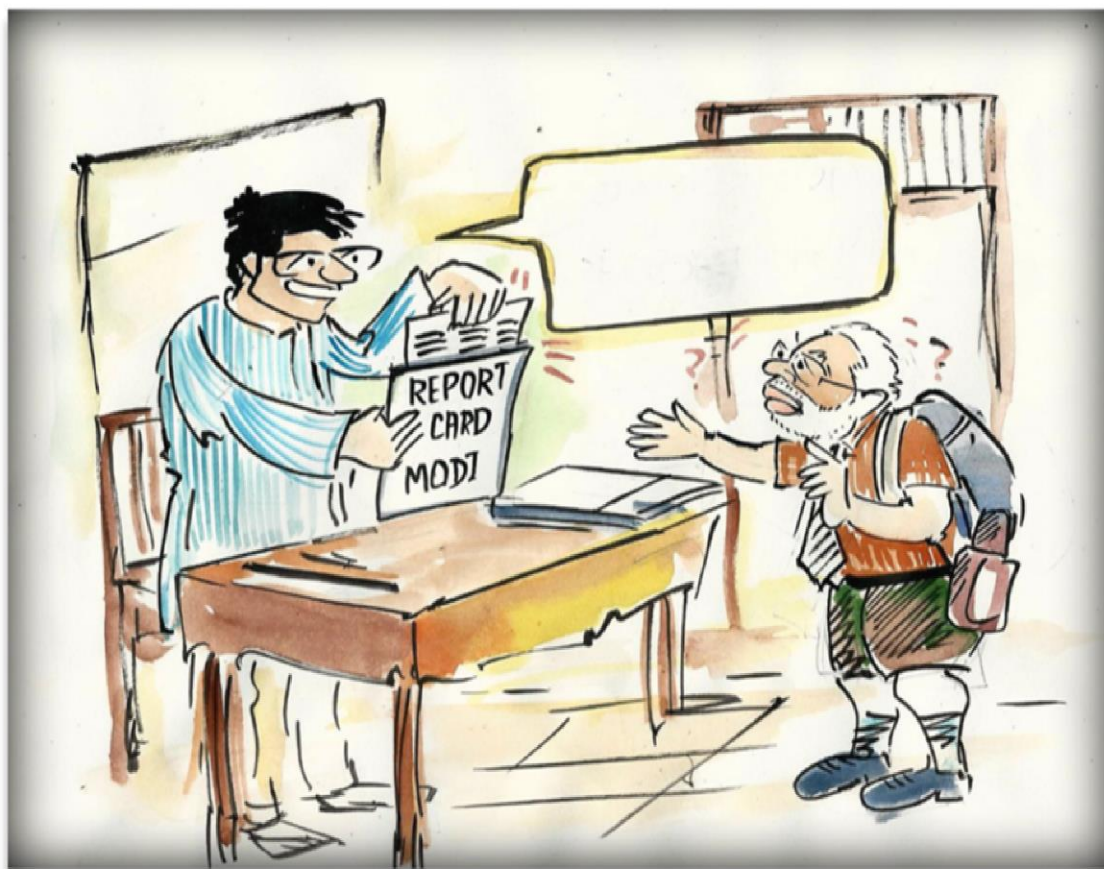




# 365.25°



## A comprehensive report card of one year of modi sarkar at center



The Indian Iris

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## Introduction

One year back around the same time most of the India was celebrating. Voters had voted for a change. Sensex went high, many felt that it's the right government and next five years belong to India. Next thing after any election is to start evaluating the government.

The team at theindianiris.com comprehensively looked at the whole year to evaluate the performance of the new government. We have attempted to compile them all into this book which we have titled as 365.25°, because we have 365.25 days in a year, and we looked at each day of the government. We have complied government's work, opinion of authors and a public survey analysis at the end of this book.

## About Us

The Indian Iris team consists of IIM Grads and IT professionals. The team believes in giving back and believes in contributing to the growth of the nation. The team believes

“An opportunity unknown is equal to an opportunity lost”

We took up the enormous challenge to compile the work of government and make people aware of the work. Our website <http://theindianiris.com/> , covers day to day work by central government, its policies and decisions. We will soon be covering all state governments as well. The idea is to make people aware of the work being done, make them participate; engage; in the growth of the nation.

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## **Broad Vision of Government as defined in the last budget**

- Housing for all - 2 crore houses in Urban areas and 4 crore houses in Rural areas.
- Basic facility of 24x7 power, clean drinking water, a toilet and road connectivity.
- At least one member has access to means for livelihood.
- Substantial reduction in poverty.
- Electrification of the remaining 20,000 villages including off-grid Solar Power- by 2020.
- Connecting each of the 1,78,000 un-connected habitation.
- Providing medical services in each village and city.
- Ensure a Senior Secondary School within 5 km reach of every child, while improving quality of education and learning outcomes.
- To strengthen rural economy - increase irrigated area, improve the efficiency of existing irrigation systems, and ensure value addition and reasonable price for farm produce.
- Ensure communication connectivity to all villages.
- To make India, the manufacturing hub of the World through Skill India and the Make in India Programmes.
- Encourage and grow the spirit of entrepreneurship - to turn youth into job creators.
- Development of Eastern and North Eastern regions on par with the rest of the country.



## Bills and Ordinances

BILL	CONCERNED MINISTRY	STATUS	DATE OF PASSING	SUMMARY OF THE BILL
Insurance Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2015	Finance	Passed	12-Mar-2015 (RS)	The bill provides for enhancement of the foreign investment cap in an Indian Insurance Company from 26% to 49% with the safeguard of Indian ownership and control. It also removes various archaic laws and also amends the act to levy higher penalties for violations by agents/insurance companies.
The Securities Laws (Amendment) Bill 2014	Finance	Passed	14-Jul-2014 (RS)	The bill grants SEBI with special powers to effectively pursue fraudulent investment schemes. The special powers include power to search and obtain information like call records, authority to initiate recovery and sale of assets, setting up of special SEBI courts, authority to extend penalties etc.
The Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation (Amendment) Bill 2014	Home affairs	Passed	12-Aug-2014 (RS)	The bill provides with a provision to transfer seven mandals in Bhadrachalam revenue division of Telangana to Andhra Pradesh, to facilitate a smooth rehabilitation process for Polavaram multi-purpose project.
The Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation (Amendment) Bill 2015	Home affairs	Passed	20-Mar-2015 (RS)	The bill amends the provisions of act with regard to the Legislative Council of residual state of Andhra Pradesh, after bifurcation of the erstwhile united Andhra Pradesh, to allow for up to 58 members in the council increasing the previous number of 50.
The Apprentices (Amendment) Bill, 2014	Labour and Employment	Passed	26-Nov-2014 (RS)	The bill aims to amend the Apprentices Act to make apprenticeship more responsive to youth and industry. It amends various provisions and definitions of the Act like minimum age for an apprentice, Ratio of apprentices to workers, providing training to apprentices, the definitions of designated trade, graduate of technician apprentice etc.
The Central Universities (Amendment) Bill, 2014	Human Resource Development	Passed	9-Dec-2014 (RS)	The Bill proposes to rename the existing Central University of Bihar, to Central University of South Bihar and further proposes to set up a new central university in Motihari, Bihar which will be called Mahatma Gandhi Central University.

The Citizenship (Amendment) Bill, 2015	Home affairs	Passed	04-Mar-2015 (RS)	This bill provides a provision to merge Overseas Citizen of India and Persons of Indian Origin schemes, as promised by PM Modi. It relaxes certain rules for registration of citizenship and Overseas Citizen of India cardholder policies. It also amends rules regarding cancellation of Citizenship in case of dissolution of marriage.
The Coal Mines (Special Provisions) Bill 2015	Mines	Passed	20-Mar-2015 (RS)	The bill is tabled to take immediate action to auction or allot coal mines to minimise impact on core sectors such as steel, cement and power. The bill has provisions for allocation of coal mines through a transparent bidding process of e-auction. The proceeds of auction shall be disbursed to respective states. It has provisions that propose strong measures for rehabilitation and compensation for displaced persons.
The Constitution ( 121st Amendment) Bill, 2014	Law and Justice	Passed	14-Aug-2014 (RS)	This bill amends the provisions of the Constitution related to the appointment of Supreme Court and High Court judges, and the transfer of High Court judges. It provides for creation of a commission, to be known as the National Judicial Appointments Commission (NJAC), which would make recommendations to the President for appointments of SC and HC judges. The bill further elaborates the composition and functions of the commission.
The Delhi Special Police Establishment (Amendment) Bill, 2014	Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions	Passed	1-Dec-2014 (RS)	A three member committee makes recommendations to the central government for appointment of the Director of CBI. The committee comprises of the Prime Minister (Chairperson), the Chief Justice of India or a Supreme Court judge nominated by him, and the Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha. The bill states that if there is no Leader of Opposition, the Leader of the single largest Opposition Party in that House would be part of the committee. Also, the appointment would be invalid in case of absence of any of the members.

The Indian Institutes of Information Technology (IIIT) Bill, 2014	Human Resource Development	Passed	27-Nov-2014 (RS)	The Bill aims to set up IIITs to improve quality of human resources, at par with global standards, within the information technology sector. The Bill seeks to provide four existing IIITs, independent statutory status. It proposes to declare them as institutes of national importance, to enable them to grant degrees to their students.
The Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2015	Mines	Passed	20-Mar-2015 (RS)	The Bills adds a new category of license which allows for operations like exploring or proving mineral deposits, followed by mining operations. The bill also outlines the roles of central and state governments with regard to auction and allotment of these licenses. It also amends certain provisions of the act like the maximum area of mining allowed for a license holder, the lease period for certain minerals etc. The Bill provides for the creation of a District Mineral Foundation (DMF) and a National Mineral Exploration Trust (NMET).
The Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Bill 2015	Road Transport and Highways	Passed	11-Mar-2015 (RS)	The Bill brings e-carts and e-rickshaws under ambit of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 so they can ply on roads across the country. It gives powers to Union government to make Rules on the specifications for e-carts and e-rickshaws, and the conditions and manner for issuing driving licenses.
The National Capital Territory of Delhi Laws (Special Provisions) Amendment Bill, 2014	Urban Development	Passed	23-Dec-2014 (RS)	This bill seeks to extend deadlines of some projects to 31 Dec, 2017, which were previously targeted for completion by 31 Dec, 2014. The projects include relocation of slum dwellers of certain areas, regularizing street vendors, regularizing unauthorized colonies etc.
The Public Premises (Eviction Of Unauthorised Occupants) Amendment Bill 2014	Urban Development	Passed	24-Feb-2015 (RS)	The bill adds/modifies certain premises as public premises, to which its provisions extend. The Bill outlines time limits for certain actions to be followed while evicting unauthorised occupants.

The Regional Rural Banks (Amendment) Bill, 2014	Finance	Passed	28-Apr-2015 (RS)	The bill amends the regulatory rules for RRBs. It amends the five year restriction of assistance to the RRBs by the sponsor banks. The bill further amends various provisions of the Act including the capital restrictions, shareholding by the central and state governments, terms and regulations for directors etc.
The School of Planning and Architecture (SPA) Bill, 2014	Human Resource Development	Passed	10-Dec-2014 (RS)	The Bill aims to declare three existing SPAs as institutes of national importance and to promote education and research in architectural studies. The bill also outlines the constitution and, roles and responsibilities of various governing bodies of the institutes like the Senate, Boards of Governors etc.
The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (Amendment) Act, 2014	Communications and Information Technology	Passed	15-Jul-2014 (RS)	The amendment to TRAI act permits former Chairperson or whole-time members of the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) to be employed with central or state governments. The Act previously prohibited the same.
The Textile Undertakings (Nationalisation) Laws (Amendment and Validation) Bill, 2014	Textiles	Passed	8-Dec-2014 (RS)	The bill retrospectively amends the lease rules of properties held by National Textile Corporation (NTC). It states that lease-hold rights of the textile undertakings will vest with the central government, irrespective of the transfer and vesting of these undertakings to NTC. These rights will be exercised by the NTC on behalf of the central government. Further, no court may order the divestment of the property vested with NTC by the central government.
The Warehousing Corporations (Amendment) Bill, 2015	Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution	Passed	28-Apr-2015 (RS)	The Central Warehousing Corporation has been awarded a Mini-Ratna Public Sector Enterprise status by the Department of Public Enterprises, which means that there should be no financial support from the government to the enterprise, and that it must be independent of any budgetary support or guarantee by the government. • Accordingly, provisos to certain sections relating to the government's responsibility of being a guarantor to the central warehousing corporation are proposed to be omitted in the bill.

The Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement (Amendment) Bill, 2015	Rural Development	Passed in LS, Pending in RS	5-Mar-2014 (LS)	One of the flagship bills of the NDA government, the bill defines 5 special uses of land, which are exempted from certain provisions of the Act. The bill brings 13 acts of land acquisition under its purview. It also amends the rules for returning unused land, prosecuting an official who committed offence in acquisition etc.
The Companies (Amendment) Bill 2014	Finance	Passed in LS, Pending in RS	17-Dec-2014 (LS)	The Bill introduces certain amendments in relation to Related Party Transactions, fraud reporting by auditors, making common seal optional, and jurisdiction of special courts to try certain offences etc. to improve ease of business.
The Payment And Settlement Systems (Amendment) Bill, 2014	Finance	Passed	27-Apr-2015 (LS)	The Bill amends and introduces various provisions the Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007, which was enacted to regulate and supervise payment systems in India. The bill also seeks to extend the application of the Act to a designated trade repository, or issuer, in relation to payment systems.
The Repealing and Amending Bill, 2014	Law and Justice	Passed	5-May-2015 (RS)	The bill seeks to repeal those enactments which have ceased to be in force or have become obsolete. In all, the Bill seeks to repeal about 36 laws and pass amendments to two laws.
The Repealing and Amending (Second) Bill, 2014	Law and Justice	Passed in LS, Pending in RS	8-Dec-2014 (LS)	The enactments addressed in the Bill have either ceased to be in force, have become obsolete or their retention as separate Acts is unnecessary. In all, the Bill seeks to repeal 90 laws and pass amendments to two laws.
The Electricity (Amendment) Bill, 2014	Power	Introduced in LS	19-Dec-2014 Introduced in LS	The Bill seeks to amend the Electricity Act, 2003. Primarily, it seeks to segregate the distribution network from the electricity supply business. It also seeks to introduce multiple supply licensees in the market.

The Lokpal and Lokayuktas and other related Law (Amendment) Bill, 2014	Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions	Introduced in LS	18-Dec-2014 Introduced in LS	The Bill amends various provisions of the Lokpal and Lokayuktas Act, 2013 and the Delhi Special Police Establishment Act, 1946. The Bill also amends the act to enable the Leader of the single largest Opposition party in the House to be part of the Selection Committee.
The Anti-Hijacking Bill, 2014	Civil Aviation	Introduced in RS	17-Dec-2014 Introduced in RS	The Bill seeks to repeal The Anti-Hijacking Act, 1982, and give effect to the Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Seizure of Aircraft, 1970 and its Protocol Supplementary, signed on September 10, 2010.
The Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Bill, 2014	Women and Child Development	Passed in LS, Pending in RS	7-May-2015 (LS)	The bill outlines the age limits for trying juveniles as adults for heinous crimes and for smaller crimes. The bill also provides for establishment of Juvenile Justice Boards (JJB) and Child Welfare Committees (CWC) at a district level.
The Factories (Amendment) Bill, 2014	Labour and Employment	Introduced in LS	7-Aug-2014 Introduced in LS	The amendments proposed in the bill are based on the changes in the manufacturing practices and technologies, ratification of ILO conventions, judicial decisions, recommendations of various Committees and decisions taken in the conferences of Chief Inspectors of Factories.
The Railways (Amendment) Bill, 2014	Railways	Introduced in LS	7-Aug-2014 Introduced in LS	The Bill defines 'accidental falling' to exclude certain cases of falling from a moving train. The Bill states that compensation will not be given for cases of accidental falling involving passenger negligence, suicide attempts, etc.
The Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Amendment Bill, 2014	Social Justice and Empowerment	Introduced in LS	16-Jul-2014 Introduced in LS	The Bill amends certain existing categories and adds new categories of actions to be treated as offences against SCs and STs.
The Constitution (One Hundred and Twenty-Second Amendment) (GST) Bill, 2014	Finance	Passed in LS, Pending in RS	6-May-2015 (LS)	The Bill seeks to amend the Constitution to introduce the goods and services tax (GST). Consequently, the GST subsumes various central indirect taxes including the Central Excise Duty, Countervailing Duty, Service Tax, etc. It also subsumes state value added tax, octroi and entry tax, luxury tax, etc.


The Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Orders (Amendment) Bill, 2014	Social Justice and Empowerment	Passed	8-Dec-2014 (LS)	The Bill seeks to amend the Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Order, 1950 and the Constitution (Sikkim) Scheduled Castes Order, 1978. It includes certain communities in the list of Scheduled Castes in Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, and Tripura. The Bill also removes a community from the list of Scheduled Castes in Sikkim.
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## Flagship Schemes

### Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana – Rural Development


Under this scheme, each Member of Parliament needs to choose one village each from the constituency that they represent, fix parameters and make it a model village by 2016.

	Members of Lok Sabha	Members of LS who adopted	Members of LS not adopted	Members of Rajya Sabha	Members of RS who adopted	Members of RS not adopted
TOTAL	543	490	53	246	185	61



**Jayapur village of Varanasi adopted by PM Modi.**

- Bio toilets are being built
- Apple trees are being distributed among farmers
- A colony of homes to the underprivileged.
- Houses are almost ready to move in. As of now, 14 houses have been built with a garden, one room, toilet, bathroom, kitchen as well as a small courtyard.
- Solar light facility, 24 hours electricity ensured.
- Every house has a water tank



**Maghrol in Anand district adopted by Smriti Irani**

• Smriti Irani laid the foundations stone for *21 developmental projects* in the village, that will come up at the cost of *Rs 7.14 crore.*

### Smart Cities - Urban Development

- Cabinet approval for 100 smart cities – 48,000 Cr set aside for five years.
- AMRUT (Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation) – infrastructure development for another 500 towns and cities (with population over 1 lakh) at an expense of 50,000 cr, for a period of five years.
- Special focus on adequate and clean water supply, sanitation and solid waste management, efficient transportation, affordable housing for the poor, power supply, robust IT connectivity, e-governance, safety and security of citizens, health and education.
- Aspirants will be selected through a 'City Challenge Competition'.
- Over Rs. 2 lakh crore are expected to flow into urban areas over the next 5 years.



- Requirement of the built up area and capital conditions for FDI reduced to 20,000 square metres and USD 5 million respectively for development of smart cities.

## Swachh Bharat Abhiyan- Sanitation

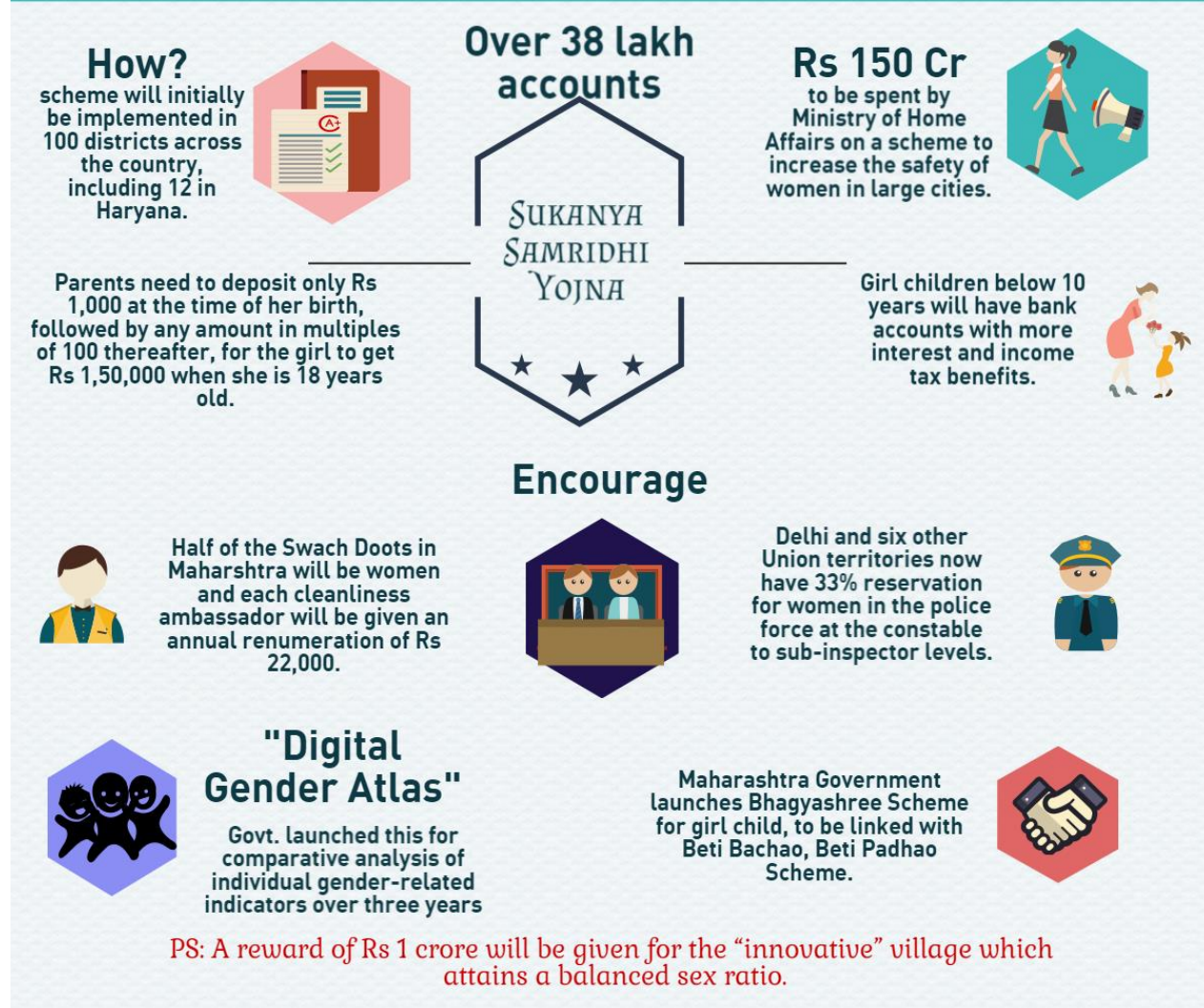
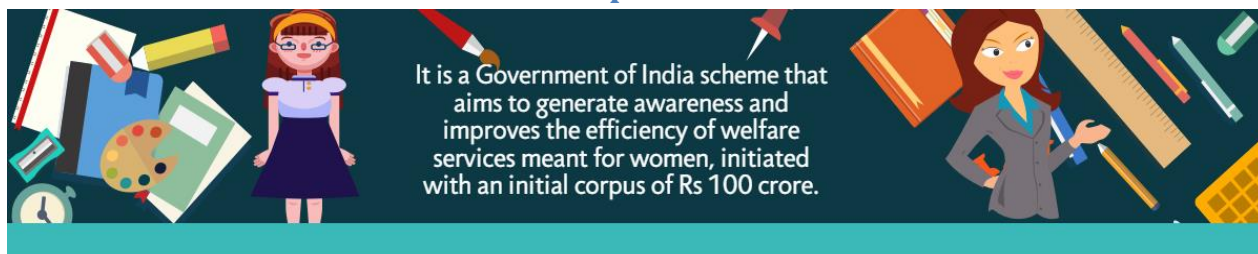
Cleanliness drive to bring hygiene, preventive health for all.

- Building toilets to end open defecation - over 58.6 lac toilets built so far
- Roping in Corporate CSR to help achieve the mission of clean India
- MPs asked to ensure that no school remains without a toilet.
- Common bio-medical waste treatment facilities for safe disposal of waste.
- Maharashtra government - to appoint 'swacchata doots' or cleanliness ambassadors in every village to help achieve the target of building 56 lakh toilets across the state over the next five years.
- No more stink & mess at New Delhi railway station
- Finance Minister Arun Jaitley had proposed an enabling provision to levy the cess at a rate of 2 per cent or less on all or certain services if need arises.
- Swachh Bharat Kosh - to enable people living in India and abroad and companies give funds for the clean Indian mission.
- Professional agency to be hired for Swachh Bharat campaigns
- Postal Stamps on Swachh Bharat Mission
- Clean up venue within 6 hours after event or lose part of deposit.

## Clean Ganga - Rejuvenation program

- 'Namami Gange' Clean Ganga Project - 2,037 crore allocation for cleaning and for comprehensive Ganga development plan.
- Urban local bodies in all 118 towns on banks of the river Ganga in five states will maintain the 500 metre area along the river and connecting drains as a 'litter-free zone'.
- Gujarat team to co-ordinate ghat facelift in Varanasi.
- Varanasi's Assi Ghat Cleaned- Cleaning up and beautifying India's spiritual capital was one of Modi's biggest electoral promises to the people of Varanasi and he did it.
- Improved coordination among various ministries through Group of Secretaries (GoS). The GoS has held 10 meetings and submitted its report on 28.08.2014.
- In collaboration with National Medicinal Plants Board a strategy is being finalized for conservation of medicinal plants in the upper reaches of Ganga.
- A project has been undertaken for identification of special properties of Ganga Jal, water quality monitoring and sediment analysis through National Environmental Engineering Research Institute.
- A three member technical committee comprising Director, NEERI, Secretary CPCB and Prof. Vinod Tare, IIT, Kanpur constituted to study and recommend suitable technologies for pollution abatement in river Ganga.
- German government commits 3 million euros for Ganga rejuvenation.
- 2015-16 to be observed as water conservation year.

## Beti Bachao Beti Padhao – Women Empowerment



## Digital India

- Cisco to invest \$1.7 billion in India this year, to partner Centre's digital drive.
- India and the United States have agreed to jointly explore opportunities for collaboration on implementing India's ambitious Rs1.13 lakh crore Digital India initiatives.
- The two sides also agreed to hold the US-India Information and Communications Technology (ICT) Working Group in India later this year.
- Digital Locker - Dedicated personal storage space, linked to each resident's Aadhaar number.

- In less than three months, US technology giants, Google and Hewlett-Packard have followed Facebook and Microsoft to queue up in government office corridors to show off their technology wares, highlighting renewed foreign investor interest as India's economy recovers.
- US chipmaker Intel said that it will work with the Indian government through its 'Digital Skills for India' program to benefit five million citizens by the end of 2015 with skills to compete in the global digital economy.
- Under the program, the company has joined hands with Bharat Broadband Network Ltd. (BBNL) to build capacity by imparting digital literacy training to key resource persons in the first 1000 panchayats under the National Optic Fiber Network (NOFN) roll-out in India.
- \$10-billion push for Chip Manufacturing
- Efforts to ensure transparent and swift administration of social security schemes through e-initiatives for employees and employers.
- Government Announces Open Source Software Policy.
- Broadband Network Roll Out in 20,000 Panchayats- "BharatNet".
- E-money Order to be available across 70% Post Offices.

## PRAGATI

Pro-Active Governance And Timely Implementation, a unique integrative and interactive platform.

### The stress is on corruption

#### Technology



Digital data management, video-conferencing and geo-spatial technology. .

#### Categories



Telecom, railways, department of financial services, ministry of power, petroleum, heavy industries, urban development, road transport and rural development.

#### Pragati Day

3rd Wed  
every month

PM will discuss the issues with concerned secretaries of the relevant departments on this day and his directions on every issue will remain in the system for further follow up and review till the issue is closed.

#### CONCLUSION

The Prime Minister will be able to discuss the issues with the concerned Central and State officials with full information and latest visuals of the ground level situation, apart from being an innovative project in e-governance and good governance.

## Make In India – Boosting Economy

- Investment proposals worth over Rs 25,352 crore for electronics manufacturing in the country. Rs 19,057 crore - Modified-Special Incentive Package Scheme (M-SIPS) and Rs 6,295.93 crore under the Electronics Manufacturing Clusters (EMC) scheme.
- Major concessions in the budget including a discrimination free tax regime and 49 per cent FDI in defence.
- Samsung and Sony have announced plans for setting up manufacturing bases in India. Samsung will reportedly invest as much as \$500 million to \$1 billion in the manufacturing unit that will produce smartphones and tablets for the company.
- Bharat Earth Movers Limited (BEML), a public-sector company, has become a major supplier of metro rail coaches, sending more than 700 to the metro projects in Delhi, Bangalore and Jaipur, with more on order.
- India to save Rs 1,200 crore by producing currency paper locally.
- FDI investment in wholesale business.
- India to double customs duties on commercial vehicles including trucks to discourage imports.
- From removing 4 per cent special additional duty (SAD) on PC components to imposing education cess on imported electronic products to spur its ambitious 'Make in India' programme, government announced a slew of measures to promote domestic manufacturing.
- General Atlantic is planning to invest close to half a billion in India.
- Cisco launched a kiosk for the Bengaluru Police, using which Bengaluru residents can file an FIR for any area in the city at any time of the day. While the first kiosk was imported from the UK, all future kiosks will be made in India.
- \$10-billion Push for Chip Manufacturing
- Indigenously Built Dredger Ready to be inducted in Indian Navy - designed using 90 per cent of local materials.
- India to set up its own mini N-fusion reactor
- Airbus Industries' outsourcing from India will increase to \$2 billion from \$ 400 million over the next five.
- Poland announces "Go India" Program
- NRDC proposes to develop technology data bank
- BMW to increase localization to 50 per cent
- The Defence ministry has cleared procurements worth Rs 1,10,000 crore, of which 90% are under 'Make in India'.

## Benefits

- Make India a manufacturing hub, leading to employments generation and growth of economy.
- To increase share of manufacturing to 25% from 15% at present.
- Increase in exports after making in India.



# Jan Dhan Yojna

Other countries like  
US,  
Russia may soon  
follow  
Jan Dhan Yojna  
model

- Accidental Insurance Cover, RuPay Debit Card must be used at least once in 45 days.

- Overdraft facility upto Rs.5000/- is available in only one account per household, preferably lady of the household.



Access to Pension, insurance products.

- Interest on deposit.
- Accidental insurance cover of **Rs.1.00 lac**
- No minimum balance required.
- Life insurance cover of **Rs.30,000/-**
- Easy Transfer of money across India
- Beneficiaries of Government Schemes will get Direct Benefit Transfer in these accounts.
- After satisfactory operation of the account for 6 months, an overdraft facility will be permitted



**1499  
Lacs**

No. Of Accounts Opened

**1340  
Lacs**

No.of.RuPay Cards

**15798  
Cr**

Balance in accounts





## Approved Reforms & Initiatives

### General Reforms

- 49% FDI in Defense
- 49% FDI in Insurance.
- 100% FDI in some Railway Projects such as high-speed train systems, suburban corridors and dedicated freight line projects
- Relaxation of Environment Norms for ease of doing business.
  - Permission from the gram sabha (village council), earlier a key requirement – and obstacle – for the mining industry, will no longer be a requisite for companies.
  - The dilution of a slew of regulations related to environment, forest and tribal rights is seen as a shot in the arm for investments in these sectors.
- Abolishing Planning Commission and forming NITI (National Institution for Transforming India) Aayog.
- *Juvenile Justice Act* -
  - Reframed to Punish 16-Year-Olds - for heinous crimes like rape, acid attack and murder.
  - This is an important Bill that comes in the wake of the 2012 Delhi gang rape case.
  - To protect the interests of juveniles, the Bill also makes it clear that no juvenile can be given the death penalty or sentenced to life imprisonment.
- Tourism Boost To Add Jobs And Help Increase Foreign Exchange
  - On Arrival and Online VISAs.
- Revival of DD (Government news broadcast is first given to DD) and Radio (*Mann Ki Baat*)
- Hard working standards for ministers and bureaucrats.
- Abolished all the GOMs and EGOMs to ensure faster decisions.
- Life-time visas for PIO card holders and visa on arrival for American tourists.
- Rehabilitation of displaced Kashmiri Pandits - Rs 500 crore set aside.

### Junking old files and laws

- This goes in Modi's corner as well although a previous BJP government headed by Atal Bihari Vajpayee began work on ridding us of junk laws. Modi extended this to dead files and the results have begun to show.
- News reports quoted anonymous home ministry officials saying 1.5 lakh old files were destroyed. Home minister Rajnath Singh then stated in the Rajya Sabha that 11,000 files have been shredded. More will go.
- Laws involve longer procedures. A bill was introduced in the Budget session of parliament to repeal 32 irrelevant Acts. Another 287 laws are slated for repeal in the winter session.
- India is an overregulated nation – with probably the most laws of any nation – and there is much we can do away with.
- Need of attestation of documents for government purposes by a gazette officer are removed.

### Business Reforms

- Red to Green Tape: Promoters of big projects can seek online green clearances. Cuts out discretion. Big change from UPA's Jayanthi tax.

- Sailing Through: Ships, critical to commerce, to get lifetime licenses from local marine authority. No more annual trips to Delhi.
- Freer Factories: Industrial licenses valid now for 3 years, plus simple process for 2-year renewal. Big change from 2-year permits and red-tape maze.
- Better for Boiler: GoI tells states to stop notorious factory visits by boiler inspectors and go for self or third-party certification on boiler safety.
- Inspecting Inspectors: Inspector raj to end. Compliance checks on business for labour laws only on basis of solid information, not babus' whims.
- Set up an Investor Facilitation Cell for making it easy for investors to decide on investments.
- Focus on indigenization of defense manufacturing. Announced defense projects worth 80,000 Cr
- Online application to several needs of citizens, businessman, investors, and entrepreneurs, e.g. application for Industrial License (IL) and Industrial Entrepreneur Memorandum (IEM) made online.

### Reforms for Citizens

- Goodbye Notaries: Citizens can self-attest IDs, address proofs & other documents. No need for long queues at dingy notary public offices. States advised to follow the same rule.
- Rooting for Retired: PF contributions go up big because salary cut-off raised from Rs 6,500 to Rs 15,000. Plus NPS contribution made tax-free.
- Fuelling Change: UPA made premium petrol, diesel much pricier than ordinary fuel. Price difference now down to just Rs 2/L. Good for city air.
- Smarter Help: PM Relief Fund disbursements no longer based on lottery. Children and medical treatments to get top priority. A confirmation SMS which notifies the beneficiaries is also implemented.

### Reforms in Railways

- Truly Tatkal: Those last-minute rail bookings now far easier. Railways online system can now handle 7,200 bookings per minute, a 300% jump in speed.
- E- catering services in 76 trains. To provide hygiene food to the passengers.
- Paramount importance to safety. Allotted Rs 17,000 crore to replace the arrears of aging assets.
- Woman safety: Surveillance cameras in select coaches and ladies compartments for women's safety
- Bio –toilets and vacuum toilets in trains for cleaner travel.
- 100% FDI in some projects.

### Diwali Special @ Siachen

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi flew to Siachen Glacier in Jammu and Kashmir during Diwali where he lauded the armed forces and promised a national memorial for Indian soldiers.
- He later announced an additional relief package of Rs.745 crore for the flood-ravaged state.
- PM Modi Announces Rs. 570 Crore for Rebuilding Homes
- 175 Crore for six major hospitals that were affected.

### Direct Benefit Transfer scheme (PAHAL)

- Subsidies on cooking gas and kerosene will be transferred to the bank account of beneficiaries to prevent leakages.

## Reforms for Health

**Mission Indradhanush:** Achieve full immunization coverage for all children by 2020 through a Catch-Up campaign. Currently only 65% of the children are vaccinated. It will include diphtheria, whooping cough, tetanus, polio, tuberculosis, measles and hepatitis B

**Heath for All** - Free Drug Service , Free Diagnosis Service.

## Tax Relief and Increased Pension

- Exemption limit for salaried : 2 → 2.5 Lakh
- Under 80C : 1 → 1.5 Lakh
- Investments in PPF : 1 → 1.5 Lakh
- Home Loan Interest Waiver : 1.5 → 2 Lakh
- Minimum pension increased to Rs 1,000 per month

## Labour Reforms

### Shram Suvidha Portal

- Unique labor identification number (LIN)
- 7,40, 850 LIN issued by 15.12.2014
- Simplified online return – self certified

### ‘Shramvev Jayate’ Labor Reforms

- Full Digitization and Employee Provident Portability via Universal Account Number (UAN)
- Model Career Centers
- 292 Cr outlay
- 100 centers

**NCS portal** - launched on April 6th 2015.

## Agricultural Reforms

**Compensation to farmers for crop loss** : change in the policy of eligibility for compensation to 33% loss from 50% loss and increase in compensation by 50%.

### Steps taken to minimize effect of deficient Rainfall:

- Rainfall reduction with respect to Long Term Average: 12 % (June to September)
- Special initiative to ameliorate impact of deficit rainfall
- Diesel subsidy
- Additional financial assistance for horticulture crops.
- 50% increase in seed subsidy
- Additional Fodder Development Scheme
- Waiver of import duty on oil-cakes

### Technology to aid farmers

- Kisan TV Channel proposed
- Remote Sensing and GPS
- IVRS for farmers advisories
- Soil Health Cards



- 100 social laboratories
- Availability of Credit
- Loan increased from 199141 Cr to 345200 Cr in the first six months of the government.

#### **Measures to maintain Price Parity**

- Better Linkages between Farmers & Market
- States advised to bring fruits and vegetables out of the APMC act (deregulations). 12 states agreed.
- Kisan Mandis started.

#### **Soil health Card**

- 14 crore Soil Health Cards are envisaged to be issued over the next 3 years.
- Under the scheme the government plans to issue Soil card to farmers which will carry crop-wise recommendations of nutrients and fertilizers required for the individual farms to help farmers to improve productivity through judicious use of inputs.

### **Insurance and Pension Schemes**

Service tax exemption on LIC micro-insurance, a move to cover poor under insurance

#### **Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY)**

It offers a renewable one year accidental death-cum -disability cover of Rs 2 lakh for partial/permanent disability to all savings bank account holders in the age group of 18-70 years for a premium of Rs 12 per annum per subscriber.

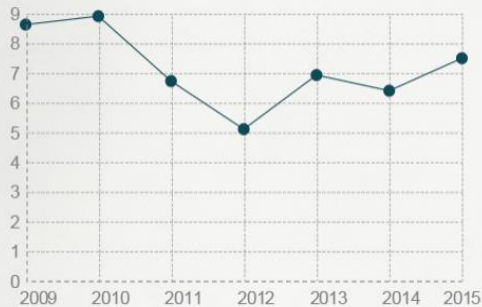
#### **Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY)**

It will offer a renewable one year life cover of Rs 2 lakh to all savings bank account holders in the age group of 18-50 years, covering death due to any reason, for a premium of Rs 330 per annum per subscriber.

#### **Atal Pension Yojana (APY)**

The pension scheme will focus on the unorganized sector and provide subscribers a fixed minimum pension of Rs 1,000, 2,000, 3,000, 4,000 or Rs 5,000 per month starting at the age of 60 years, depending on the contribution option exercised on entering at an age between 18 and 40 years.

## Economy



GDP growth back on the upwards path with Q4 2014 GDP growth rate recorded at 7.5% compared to 6.4% in Q4 2014

Inflation rate down to 5.17 in Mar '15 from 8.59 in Apr '14.

Food Inflation has been eased out – From 9.66 in Apr '14, it has gone down to 6.14 in Mar '14.

Purchasing Manager Index – reached 52.10 in March 2015 from 51.2 in April 2014.



Petrol prices have been slashed 13 times. Petrol in Delhi was 71.41 Rs/Ltr on April 16, 2014 and on May 1st 2015 it is Rs 63.16/ltr. Diesel is 49.57/Ltr.

Sensex gained about 6000 points since the new government came into power from 22,000 in April 2014 to 28,000 in April 2015.



Indian Industrial Production grew by 5% in Feb '15 over the same period last year. Apr '14 it was 3.72%

This reflects the increase in the manufacturing production and boost in the mining sector.



Forex Reserve reached \$344.6 bn setting a new record. It was \$314.9 bn on May 16, 2014.

**Fiscal Deficit** at 4.1% and 3.9% of GDP in FY 2014-15 and 2015/16 respectively compared to 4.5% in 2013-14.

**Tax Collection** increased by about 13% between Apr-Dec 2014 compared to the same period last year

**FDIs** – 175,886 Cr in Apr 14 – Feb 15 compared to 125,960 Cr in Apr 13 – Feb 14, a 40% increase

**FII** (Foreign Institutional Investors) Inflows - FIIs have invested a net of \$43.5 billion so far in 2014-15— expected to be their highest investment in any fiscal year.

**Credit Ratings** – Moody's ratings revised India's sovereign rating outlook to "positive" from "stable"

### Other Measures and futures targets

- Monetary Policy Framework Agreement with RBI, to keep inflation below 6%.
- GDP growth in 2015-16, projected to be between 8 to 8.5%.
- Requirement to infuse Rs. 2,40,000 Cr as equity by 2018 in our banks to be in line with Basel-III norms. PSUs will invest through capital investment a total sum of Rs. 2,47,941 Cr.

### Black Money

- Black Money Bill passed in Lok Sabha.

- 121 cases against HSBC account holders
- Properties worth Rs 9,003 crore freezed, 173 Charge Sheets filed
- Black Money Law: India moved a step closer to a harsher regime for those hiding wealth overseas with the government introducing legislation in Parliament that makes such concealment a criminal offence.
- Benami Definition to be stricter: As part of efforts to prevent black money being tucked away into convenient domestic hidey holes, the government could sharply prune the list of relatives in whose names property can be acquired to spouses and unmarried daughters.

## Infrastructure

### Road Transport

- Bharat Mala: Road Network from Gujarat to Mizoram – 5,300 KM of road network proposed at a cost of 14,000 Cr for covering India's entire west to east land border. Likely to strengthen India's border security position especially with China.
- 62 toll plazas closed on national highways, expressways in public interest, after recovery of public interest.
- A legislation to declare 101 rivers as national waterways so that the centre can explore the possibilities of cargo and passenger movement on these rivers. Incentivizing of movement of goods over waterways.
- Sagarmala Project aims to develop 700 uninhabited islands for tourism, filmmaking, entertainment activities, as honeymoon destinations, maritime security and also for generating non-conventional energy
- Amendments to the motor vehicle act facilitating the plying of E-Rickshaw is passed by the Parliament.
- Transport secretaries of India, Nepal, Bhutan and Bangladesh have finalized the frame work for inter country movement of vehicle.
- Use of technology to cut red tape, improve efficiency and reduce costs, e.g. FASTag, an electronic toll collection system, allowing people to pay tolls without stopping at the toll plazas
- Service tax exemption on loading, unloading, packing, storage or warehousing, transport by vessel, rail, road(GTA), of cotton, ginned or baled

### Ports and Waterways

- The crucial Chabahar Port MoU with Iran signed.
- A new incentive scheme to encourage major ports to become green ports – incentives include a grant of 25 Cr for taking up projects such as waste water treatment, renewable energy generation, use of bio-diesel and provision of shore power. They shall be supported with upto 50% of the project cost too.
- Capacity addition at Ports. Added 14.5 MMTPA dry bulk cargo terminal at Tuna, Kandla.
- Cargo handled at 12 major ports during April 14 to Jan '15 is up by 4.8% from 460 MT to 484 MT.
- Upgradation of VTMS at New Mangalore Port- work awarded
- Action initiated by Chennai Port for setting up 6.5 MW wind energy project. Target to meet 50% energy requirement through green energy.
- Rs 4,200 set aside for 'Jal Marg Vikas' for inland waterways between Allahabad and Haldia

## Railways

- Fueling rail infrastructure by expanding the current network and bringing high speed trains
- Provision of diamond quadrilateral rail corridor connecting the metros
- Plan to start Semi-high speed trains on nine corridors - Delhi-Agra, Delhi-Chandigarh, Mumbai-Ahmedabad, Delhi-Kanpur, Nagpur-Bilaspur, Mysore-Bengaluru- Chennai, Mumbai-Goa, Chennai-Hyderabad and Nagpur-Secunderabad. Under this plan, speed of the trains to increase upto 160-200 kmph
- Provisions for Bullet train on : Ahmedabad-Mumbai, Delhi-Chandigarh-Amritsar, Delhi-Chennai, and Chennai-Bangaluru-Mysore corridors
- Implementation started on Ahmedabad-Mumbai high speed rail corridor
- Railway - Passenger Convenience
- Initiated multiple steps to make it easier for passengers to buy train tickets –
- Restricting booking of train e-tickets on a single login
- RuPay Pre-Paid Card
- Book 4 months in advance
- Cash on delivery of train tickets
- 'Operation Five Minutes' - ticketless passengers to get regular tickets within five minutes of entering station
- Coin-vending machines and 'single destination teller windows' to reduce the ticket transaction time.
- E-Ticketing system now capable of handling 7200 tickets per minute as against 2000 tickets per minute earlier and allow 1,20,000 simultaneous users at any point in time. Booking tickets under tatkal has been possible now, earlier which was a nightmare.
- Mobile app launched for paperless unreserved tickets
- To introduce pre-cooked (Ready-to-eat) meals of reputed brands to improve the quality, hygiene, and variety
- IVRS System to collect feedback from the travelling passengers on the quality of food served
- Modernized Stations
- WiFi in A1 category stations and select trains
- Large scale computerization to bring technology and efficiency
- 58 new trains and extending 11 existing trains.

## Commerce and Industry

- In a big push for infrastructure development in Chhattisgarh, MoUs worth Rs 24,000 crore were signed at Dantewada in the presence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- The Cabinet has approved a policy to supply natural gas at a uniform price to all urea plants, hoping to revive some defunct manufacturing units in eastern India and boost local output.
- Scheme to Boost Electric, Hybrid Vehicle Sales: FAME India
- The government's new foreign trade policy (2014-19) to rev up exports is expected to be put in place by October-end and will have a strong thrust on manufacturing to bring it in sync with the Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 'Make in India' goal.

**Targets Met**

2014-15		2015-16	
Sector	Target	Achieved	Target
Rural Roads	21,775 km	36,883 km	26,000 km
Power Generation	17,803 MW	22,556 MW	20,371 MW
Micro-irrigation	2.88 lakh hectares	4.34 lakh hectares	3.7 million hectare
Renewables	3,770 MW	4,089 MW	4,460 MW
Broadband	9,000 GPs	10,900 GPs	15,000 GPs

**Targets Not Met**

Electrification	1900 villages	1,405 villages	3,500 villages
Coal Production	630.25 MT	612 MT	700 MT
Waste to Energy	18 MW	15 MW	50 MW
Highways	6,300 km	4,340 km	6,300 km



16 Countries toured by Modi

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# Major Deals

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April 29, 2015



## Diplomatic Wins

Barack Obama and China Russia supports India's bid for permanent UNSC seat.

Stapled Visa Issue with China resolved

DHS amended the regulations to allow H-4 dependent spouses to work in the United States

## Investments

\$35 billion investment by Japan over a period of 5 years and along with it their expertise in making bullet trains.

\$20 billion investment from Xi and his Chinese counterparts.

2 billion Euros support from France for sustainable development in India.

Israel inks \$5 million deal for Joint Educational Research programme.

Airbus to increase outsourcing in India from 400 million euros to 2 billion euros over the next five years.

Satya Nadella (Microsoft), Indra Nooyi (Pepsico), Sheryl Sandberg (Facebook), Jeff Bezos (Amazon), Mark Zuckerberg (Facebook) discusses possible investments.

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## Agreements

French National Railways has agreed to co-finance an execution study for a semi-high speed project on upgradation of the Delhi-Chandigarh line to 200 kmph.

Australia is set to sign a Nuclear Power deal with India to supply around 500 tonnes of Uranium to India.

Canada agrees to supply 3,000 metric tonnes of uranium to India from this year to power Indian atomic reactors.

Bagged "infrastructure development rights" with the two blue economies (Agalega from Mauritius and Assumption from Seychelles). The understanding to allow India to develop these islands is of huge strategic significance for India which is widely seen as having lost out to China in having a purposeful engagement with the littoral states despite its own central location.

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Foreign Minsiter's Visit	Nation	Date	Outcome
Ashraf Ghani	President of Afghanistan	27 April 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pledged to fight militants jointly</li> <li>To look at opportunities that would boost trade between the two nations.</li> </ul>
Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani	Emir of Qatar	March 24-25, 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MoU signed to enhance business opportunities for Indian IT industry in Qatar &amp; to bring convicted Indian citizens to India.</li> <li>Scientific collaboration between India and Qatar in the field of Atmosphere and Ocean Science.</li> </ul>
Maithripala Sirisena	President of Sri Lanka	February 15-18, 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Agreed to expand bilateral defense and security cooperation.</li> <li>Bilateral agreement on civil nuclear cooperation.</li> <li>Signed pact on cooperation in the field of agriculture.</li> </ul>
Tony Tan	President of Singapore	February 8-11, 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enhancement of bilateral relations and strengthening of cooperation.</li> <li>Specific initiatives to develop Smart cities and urban rejuvenation.</li> <li>To share experiences in science &amp; technology, space and other areas.</li> </ul>
Barack Obama	President of USA	January 25-27, 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>First American President to become Chief Guest at the Republic Day.</li> <li>USA announces \$24 billion of new initiatives and trade mission.</li> <li>Indo-US nuclear deal logjam broken.</li> <li>Joint cooperation in defense through 4 joint production of defense production, set up joint combat exercises.</li> <li>Signed Mou with state governments to develop 3 smart cities.</li> </ul>
Tshering Tobgay	Prime Minister of Bhutan	January 13-15, 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cooperation in the field of Hydro power. Committed on early implementation of 4 JV- model projects totaling to 2120 MW.</li> </ul>
Donald Ramotar	President of Guyana	January 7-12, 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attended Pravasi Bharatiya Divas in Ahmedabad.</li> <li>India soon to construct an IT centre of excellence at Guyana.</li> </ul>
Vladimir Putin	President	December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>POC for Enhancement of Cooperation in Oil &amp; Gas in</li> </ul>

	of Russia	10–11, 2014	2015-16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MoU between ICMR and RFBR on cooperation in health research.</li> <li>MoU between Gamesa Wind Turbine Pvt Ltd. of India and ROTEK of Russia to facilitate in wind power equipment.</li> </ul>
Daniel Kablan Duncan	Prime Minister of Cote d'Ivoire	November 4, 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Focus investments in food processing, infrastructure development, education etc.,</li> <li>Delegates from 13 Indian companies visited Cote d'Ivoire to discuss on investments.</li> </ul>
Nguyen Tan Dung	Prime Minister of Vietnam	October 27–28, 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MoU's signed on establishment of Nalanda University, Centre for English language and IT training at Vietnam.</li> <li>Agreement between ONGC Videsh Ltd &amp; PetroVietnam- enhances cooperation in hydrocarbon sector, expansion of OVL in Vietnam.</li> </ul>
Xi Jinping	President of PRC	September 17–19, 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MOU to establish 2 industrial parks in India in Gujarat &amp; Maharashtra.</li> <li>Target investment of US \$ 20 billion in next 5 years</li> <li>MoU for implementation of cooperation in Railways include providing training in heavy haul for 100 Indian railway officials</li> <li>MoU between Indian Space Research Organization and China .</li> </ul>
Tony Abbott	Prime Minister of Australia	September 4–5, 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MoU on Cooperation in Technical Vocational Education and Training (TVET)- to build skilled and globally productive work force.</li> <li>MoU on cooperation in the field of Water Resources Management.</li> </ul>

## External Affairs

- India's exposure to US government securities cross \$100 billion mark
- US government expressed interest to work with India not only in Asia but also in Middle East and Africa
- US to support India's aspirations to become leading power by supporting India's candidacy for permanent membership in UNSC
- US to partner with India in crucial climate meet to be held at Paris later this year
- Poland announces "Go India" program which is believed to facilitate business engagement
- Stapled Visa Issue resolved after 5 years: China
- China is busy developing a new software city inspired by the Bengaluru model.
- Modi's visit to Canada generated potential business worth 1.6 billion CAD
- Sushma Swaraj meets her N Korean Counterpart provided an opportunity to India to re-assess its relationship with North Korea.
- Indian aid to Vietnamese Intelligence Forces to counter cybercrimes.



- Sushma Swaraj discusses UD 10\$ billion TAPI pipeline with Turkmenistan
- More De-Dollarization: India And Russia On The Verge Of Currency Agreement.
- In a move apparently aimed at allaying India's concerns, the new Sri Lankan government said it will not allow Chinese submarines to dock in its ports while acknowledging that such a docking did take place coinciding with the Japanese Prime Minister's visit last year
- Moscow confirms India considering free trade zone with Eurasian Economic Union.
- U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) Director León Rodríguez announced that, effective May 26, 2015, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is extending eligibility for employment authorization to certain H-4 dependent spouses of H-1B nonimmigrants who are seeking employment-based lawful permanent resident (LPR) status. DHS amended the regulations to allow these H-4 dependent spouses to accept employment in the United States
- Tourism ministry data shows 1214.9% growth after the Modi govt implemented Visa on Arrival (VOA) scheme for 43 countries.
- In a recent spate of events, like the release of Indian Jesuit priest Father Alexis Prem Kumar from captivity in Afghanistan, the grievances of people in foreign lands being addressed by the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) shows the pro-active approach adopted by the ministry under Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- After decades of denial, it is for the first time that China said it supported India's bid for UN Security Council permanent membership.
- Modi government moves close to Israel; OVL invited to tap Israel's gas reserves
- US agrees to develop aviation city in Andhra Pradesh.
- China's Wenzhou Donon eyes new India business opportunities.
- Japanese ad giant Dentsu launches Mama Lab in India.

### PM Modi's Foreign Trips

Country	Date	Purpose	Outcome
Bhutan	June 16-17	State Visit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To check Bhutan-China relations that had recently been formalized.</li> <li>• Build business ties, including a hydro-electric deal, and inaugurated the India-funded Supreme Court of Bhutan building.</li> <li>• Discussed the insurgency in North East India, and China</li> </ul>
Brazil	July 13-16	BRICS & state visit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The group have agreed to establish a financial institution rivaling the western dominated World Bank and IMF- The BRICS bank</li> <li>• The first president is from India- K.V.Kamath for a term of six years.</li> </ul>
Nepal	August 3-4	State Visit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reviewing the 1950's Treaty of Peace and Friendship, India-funded hydroelectricity projects in Nepal and other infrastructure projects in Nepal.</li> <li>• Announced a credit assistance program</li> </ul>

			of US\$1 billion to Nepal and said Nepal can free India of its darkness with its electricity but he would prefer to buy it rather than take it for free.
Japan	Aug 30- sep 3	State Visit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elevating the already established strategic partnership to the "Special Strategic Global Partnership"</li> <li>• Official negotiations have progressed on the sale of US 2 amphibious aircraft for Indian Navy and the long pending civil nuclear agreements.</li> </ul>
United States	Sept26-30	General Debate of UN general Assembly and State Visit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reforms and expansion of UNSC including India's long standing demand of a permanent membership.</li> <li>• Discussed about ISIS and its increasing threat</li> <li>• Modi commented briefly on climate change and use of clean energy.</li> <li>• In this regards, he also asked world leaders and UN officials for observing Yoga Day, emphasizing the importance of incorporating Yoga in modern day life style.</li> <li>• World has agreed for an international Yoga Day" June 21st.</li> </ul>
Myanmar	Nov 11-13	East Asia Summit, ASEAN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establishing a special purpose vehicle for project financing, building information highways, and inviting ASEAN countries to participate in India's ongoing economic transformation.</li> <li>• concerns and issues around South China Sea in both the ASEAN-India Summit and the East Asia Summit</li> <li>• Reviewed India-Myanmar-Thailand trilateral highway and the Kaladan transport project.</li> </ul>
Australia	Nov 14-18	G20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leaders of the world's major economies agreed to pursue strategies that will lift the group's GDP growth by at least 2% by 2018.</li> <li>• The group will push for public and private sector investment in infrastructure and work to reduce the gender gap in the workforce by 25% through adding 100 million jobs for women by 2025.</li> </ul>
Fiji	Nov 19	State Visit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cooperation in use of space technology</li> </ul>

			<p>applications with them.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Modi offered India's partnership in making Fiji's existing industries stronger and finding new opportunities for the youth".</li> <li>• India and Fiji also signed three agreements during Modi's.</li> <li>• India Needs to Counter Growing Chinese Influence in Fiji</li> </ul>
Nepal	Nov 25-27	SAARC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• India promised to launch a satellite for the region by SAARC Day in 2016, set up a Special Purpose facility in India to finance infrastructure projects in the region, ease business visas by launching a SAARC business traveller card, and provide immediate medical visas for patients and attendants.</li> <li>• A pact on energy was signed, which will enable greater cooperation in the power sector.</li> </ul>
Seychelles	March 10-March 11:	State Visit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Signed four agreements for enhancing ties in renewable energy, hydro-graphic survey, electronic navigation and development of infrastructure on an island of the Indian Ocean island nation cluster.</li> <li>• Operationalized the Radar for Coastal Surveillance System, set up with Indian assistance on an island called 'Assumption', giving a considerable boost to maritime security cooperation.</li> </ul>
Mauritius	March 11-March 13:	State Visit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• India offered \$500 million concessional line of credit to Mauritius for key infrastructure projects as the two nations signed five pacts, including on ocean economy.</li> </ul>
March 13- March 14 :	SriLanka	State Visit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Focused on strengthening bilateral ties between the two South Asian neighbors.</li> <li>• Financial assistance: \$318 million to Sri Lanka's railway sector.</li> <li>• Stressed on Coal , Ocean economy, Energy</li> </ul>
Singapore	March 29 2015	State funeral of Lee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• He met several world leaders including Israeli President.</li> </ul>

		Kuan Yew	
France	April 9- April 12 :	State Visit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>India and France signed 17 agreements, including on the stalled nuclear project in Jaitapur in Maharashtra, Rafale deal</li> <li>French investments of €2 billion in India and develop three smart cities in the country</li> </ul>
Germany	April 12- April 14 :	State Visit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Modi made his strongest pitch for the Make in India initiative, seeking to learn from Germany's leading role as a manufacturing hub in Europe.</li> </ul>
Canada	April 14- April 16 :	State Visit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nuclear deal with Cameco</li> <li>Cyber security cooperation</li> </ul>

## Agriculture

- "Neeranchal" - watershed development program in the country with an initial outlay of Rs. 2142 Cr.
- Kisan TV for farmers
- Service tax exemption on transportation of manure (animal or plant based fertilizer), a measure that shall reduce cost for farmers
- Major steps taken to address the two major factors - soil and water - critical to agricultural production
- 'Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana' to be fully supported - Rs 5,300 Cr to support micro-irrigation, watershed development
- 'Pradhanmantri Gram Sinchai Yojana' designed to provide 'Per Drop More Crop'.

## Provision for Agriculture Credit/Funding

- Rs 25,000 Cr in 2015-16 to the corpus of Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF) set up in NABARD
- Rs 15,000 Cr for Long Term Rural Credit Fund
- Rs 45,000 Cr for Short Term Co-operative Rural Credit Refinance Fund
- Rs 15,000 Cr for Short Term RRB Refinance Fund
- Target of Rs 8.5 Lac Cr of agricultural credit during the year 2015-16
- Focus on improving the quality and effectiveness of activities under MGNREGA.

## Energy

### Solar and renewable energy

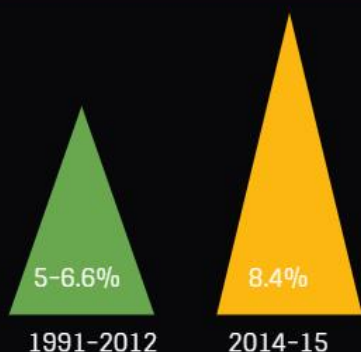
- PM Modi has made a strong pitch for making renewable sources like solar and wind power affordable

- India working on building a consortium of 50 countries with abundant solar radiation, to pool research and technological advancements to improve its accessibility to the poor and in the remote areas.
- Government to Focus on Solar, Wind and Bio-Gas
- During Renewable Energy Global Investors Meet in Feb this year(RE-Invest), 293 companies, including NTPC, Suzlon, and Reliance Power, committed to setting up plants to generate 266 GW of renewable energy in 5 years, while the country's largest lender, State Bank of India (SBI) committed Rs. 75,000 crore for generation of 15,000 MW of clean energy over a period of 5 years.
- Eyeing investments of up to US \$200 billion, the government is looking to more than double the share of renewable sources to over 15 per cent in the country's overall energy basket in about a decade.

## Power

- 1 Cr bulb to be replaced with LED in Delhi, leading to massive energy savings
- 10 Lakh Cr to be invested in renewable by 2022
- 1000 MW Pakal Dul project in J&K; 8,112 cr approved
- Ultra mega solar park in Ladakh being planned
- Long pending transmission projects worth 35,000 Cr cleared
- 40,000 rooftop solar to be setup in 5 years
- 10,000 Cr for North East States for new power lines
- policy to supply natural gas at a uniform price to all urea plant
- Budgetary support of nearly Rs 5,000 crore for strategic oil reserves
- Allocation of Rs 4,948 crore for the gross budgetary support to its strategic crude storage program in the country
- Surge in output at Coal India helped generators amass record stocks
- Power stations hold 28 million tons of coal, a 38 percent jump from a year ago due to fast-track mine approvals, tighter production oversight and more flexibility in coal sales

# NO MORE POWER CUTS



Since 1991-92, the compounded annual growth rate of electricity generation has been around 5 to 6.6 per cent

India's electricity generation touched the 1 trillion units mark during 2014-15 for the first time, showing a growth of 8.4 per cent over the previous year.

## COAL



12.1%  
increase

22,566 Mw

added during  
2014-15

11% increase

## Thermal



15.8%  
increase

1.1 lakh Cr  
grant for 24x7  
power supply  
for rural and  
urban India

50% addition to the  
capacity in Jun-Nov  
2014 compared to  
same period last  
year

## Coal Auction

All purchase / allocation through e-bidding process.

# The Coal Story



**The UPA way**  
Coalgate Scam  
2004-2009



Rs 1.86 lakh crore  
**Loss**



**2012**

BJP lodged a complaint  
resulting in **CBI probe**



**Cheaper power,**  
Boost for make in  
India



**Rs 4 lakh crore**  
by auctioning just  
**67 blocks**



**2014**

**Modi govt**  
Coal Mines (Special  
Provisions) Bill, 2015  
passed, a part of NDA's  
reform agenda



revenue from e-auction  
so far will accrue directly  
to coal-bearing states.

## Education

- 5 IIMs proposed in HP, Punjab, Bihar, Odisha and Rajasthan. Two IIM's one in AP & one in JK are approved.
- 5 IITs proposed in Jammu, Chhattisgarh, Goa, Andhra Pradesh and Kerala. IIT Karnataka proposed in 2015 budget.
- 5 AIIMS proposed in July 14. Hyderabad, Nagpur, Gorakhpur, Guntur & Kalyani(WB)
- On 28 February 2015, six more AIIMS were announced to be set up in Punjab, Tamil Nadu, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Assam and Bihar.
- Two National Institutes of Ageing to be set up at AIIMS, New Delhi and Madras Medical College, Chennai
- Buttermilk to be part of midday meals in schools
- Proposal to make Saturday as sports day in schools
- Separate schools for the talented

## Home Ministry in Action

- The Bill to operationalize the Land Boundary Agreement with Bangladesh was cleared by the Union Cabinet
- UNSC questioned Pakistan's "sincerity" in the matter of Zaki- Ul Rehman Lakhvi' release
- The Government cleared the proposal of Integrated border Management System
- FRCA licenses of 8975 associations and NGO's has been cancelled
- Operation Maithri rescued 170 nationalists from 15 difference countries, over 5000 Indians apart from offering 3.5 tons of relief load and 14 tonnes of food.
- Reduction in the instances of infiltration across LOC when compared to last year
- MHA asks states to transfer amount to affected farmers' Jan Dhan accounts
- The Indian Navy and the Coast Guard have in a joint operation, intercepted a "suspicious" boat off the coast of Porbandar in Gujarat
- Radar project proposed to boost Coastal surveillance for the Sunderbans delta
- Centre plans second rung of defence across the 202 km long International border
- HRM asked J&K CM to take strict actions against separatists
- I-T dept publishes the list of 31 defaulters who owe Rs 1500 crore to the Government
- Centre to ensure deployment of women police in all police stations across India.
- India and Morocco to work towards countering terrorism
- Government to set up a national body to combat Human Trafficking
- India to have five crude reserves built by West Asian countries.
- Operation Smile: Ghaziabad police recovered 227 missing children in 30 days.
- Government to fix time-frame for probe and trial of acid attack cases.
- Centre bans private emails for official communication. Government will also track online activities of officials to monitor their productivity.
- Government plans smart police stations with reception for visitors, gym for police personnel, record rooms with modern storage systems and deep freezers for forensic samples
- Incidents of Naxal violence and resultant casualties dropped to a record low of 1091 and 309 respectively — the lowest for over a decade.



## Development of North East

- Outlay of Rs 53,000 Cr
- Sports University proposed to promote sports from NE
- 6 new agriculture universities in NE
- New Channel Arun Prabha dedicated to NE has been proposed
- Connectivity to Arunachal Pradesh via Express Train
- New Railway line between Meghalaya and Assam inaugurated
- An annual festival celebrating the diversity of India's North East has been proposed
- Arun Prabha TV for northeast.

## Defence

- India's latest Navel establishment - INS Sardar Patel commissioned in Gujrat.
- Army inducts Indigenously-built supersonic surface-to-air missile Akash
- Indian Navy launched its new stealth destroyer ship INS Vishakhapatnam. It is also the largest destroyer commissioned by Indian Navy
- India proposes cotton route which will not only help forge economic and strategic partnerships with other countries but also will counter China's maritime ambitions.
- Indigenous version of the original Swedish 155mm Bofors howitzer, Dhanush is in trial stages.
- Coast Guard's capability in ensuring maritime safety and security is enhanced by FPV Anagh and two interceptor boats.
- The production plan for LCH has been made from 2017-18 onwards subject to firm order from IAF for limited series production.
- One rank one pension scheme accepted by modi government.
- Project for 6 new stealth submarines for indian navy.
- 8 indigenous mine sweepers deal with south korea: 2 will be purchased from south korea, 6 to be manufactured in India after transfer of technology.
- Deal cut out with Russia for Ka-226 Light utility helicopters, Artillery guns
- Nuclear submarines: India clears \$8 billion warship project to counter china's navy
- Approved the construction of Seven new stealth Frigates under Project 17A.
- INS Kolkata largest warship ever to be built in India.
- LCA for indian navy tested successfully
- INS Sumitra commissioned.
- INS sindhukriti undocked after refit
- Astra DRDO's air to air missile
- INS Vikramaditya: after a gap of two decades India is operating two aircraft carriers in its maritime zone with arrival of INS vikramaditya. It is to be fitted with CIWS which detects and destroys enemy aircraft and missiles that may hit the warship.
- Nirbhay: long range subsonic cruise missile
- India ready to spend \$25bn on Russian 5G fighter jets
- Indo-US Cooperation in Defence Production: Hagel's visit to India
- India-Israel likely to sign \$ 2 bn defence deal
- Israel offers cutting-edge defence technology for 'Make in India' initiative:
- Make in India: Israeli defence minister Moshe Ya'alon meets PM Narendra Modi, promises technological support
- India Russia expects to sign fifth-generation fighter aircraft r-d-contract this year.

- The integration of sensor fuzed weapon on iafs jaguar is in final-stages :textron-industries
- Make-in-india-airbus-global-footprint-expands-with-new-single-source-tier-1-supplier-in-india.

## Action Oriented Government

### Prime Minister Narendra Modi's First day at Work

- On first day he worked for 19 hours.
- Announced Relief Compensation for Gorakhdham Express Accident victims
- Meeting with SAARC Leaders
- Prods Pakistan on terrorism and 26/11
- Raised the issues of Tamilians in talks with Sri Lankan President
- Discussion on Article 370
- Forms SIT Committee under Justice MB Shah to probe black money cases.

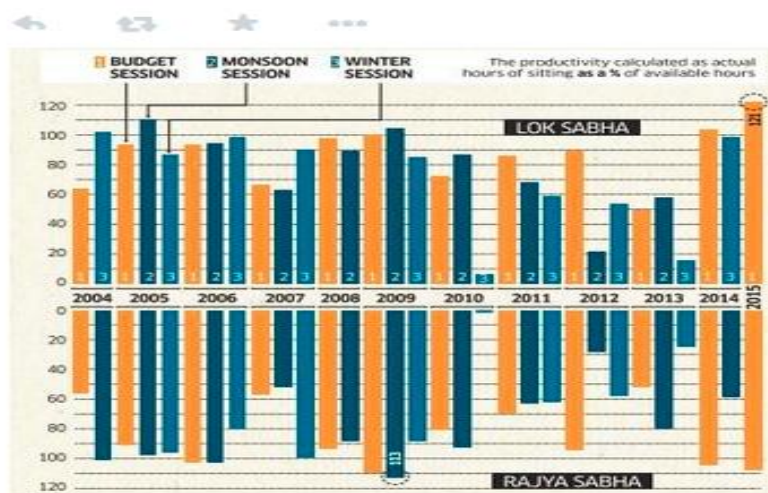
### Quick Action

- Matang Sinh arrest row: Home Secretary Anil Goswami sacked
- Rescue of Kerala Nurses from Iraq
- Kashmir Floods
- Hood Hood Cyclone
- Pak Terrorist in the Arabian Sea

### Productivity Increased

- Bureaucrats and MPs work sincerely and are asked to be punctual.
- Over the last year or so, External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj and her team have used Twitter to truly extend the scope of their reach.

MPs scrap lunch hour, sit beyond 6 pm to deliver the most **#productive #Parliament** session of the decade.



**Gopal Keshri** @gopalkeshri  
 Indian origin lady is under house arrest,needs emergency help in Mpumalanga near Johannesburg  
 @SushmaSwaraj @MEAIndia  
 Rahul:+91 9744440023

**Gopal Keshri** @gopalkeshri  
 @SushmaSwaraj @MEAIndia  
 Rahana is under threat and might be physically hurt.Johannesburg South Africa. For More details-  
 Rahul 09744440023

**Sushma Swaraj** ✓  
 @SushmaSwaraj  
 Our High Commission in South Africa has rescued the girl. She is in touch with her family and will join them soon.  
 @gopalkeshri

When she helped out this woman who lost her passport and money in Germany.

**Agratha Dinakaran** @Agratha May 4  
 In Berlin. Lost my passport. Lost my money. Indian embassy only open from 9 30 to 12 30. Does anyone have any contacts?

**Sushma Swaraj** @SushmaSwaraj 55m  
 @Agratha Pl give me your telephone number. Pl always mention your number so that somebody may contact you immediately.

**Agratha Dinakaran** @Agratha 4m  
 @SushmaSwaraj Thank you! I can be reached at [redacted]. I'm visiting the embassy tomorrow morning.

**Sushma Swaraj** ✓ @SushmaSwaraj  
 @Agratha Thanks. Our embassy in Berlin will contact you on this number.

When her ministry helped rescue 168 Indians being held hostage in Iraq.

#BJP Uttar Pradesh @BJPLucknowBJP · Jan 24  
 #SOS Video sent by 168 Indians held hostage in Basra #Iraq  
 youtube.com/watch?v=1z5ZS3... @MEAIndia @SushmaSwaraj

**Sushma Swaraj** @SushmaSwaraj Feb 19  
 @BJPLucknowBJP I am happy to inform that 140 Indians have been brought back from Basra. Efforts on for 28. Thanks for video.

**Sushma Swaraj** ✓ @SushmaSwaraj  
 I am happy all 168 Indians in youtube.com/watch?v=1z5ZS3... rescued. 141 came on 19th - remaining coming today

10. When, even during the chaos after the quake, she took the time out to respond to individual concerns.

**Suparna Singh** @Suparna\_Si... 3m  
 @SushmaSwaraj all helplines busy. Trying to get info on Dr Sridhar Reddy. Last seen near Peak 38 Lodge at dingboche. Pls help.

**Sushma Swaraj** ✓ @SushmaSwaraj

His phone number ?  
 @Suparna\_Singh

8:10 PM · 25 Apr 15

**Suparna Singh** ✓ @Suparna\_Singh  
 @SushmaSwaraj - he has been located. Many thanks.

**Suparna Singh** @Suparna\_Singh · Apr 25  
 @SushmaSwaraj thank you so much for your responses and help.

# Operation Rahat



4640

Indians evacuated

960

people from 41  
different country nations rescued  
272 Bangladeshi nationals

25 countries, including the US, Bangladesh and Iraq have sought India's assistance in evacuating its nationals from the war-ravaged country.



Air India



INS Mumbai  
INS Tarkash  
INS Sumitra



Free Rail Tickets for  
Onward journey

State governments have offered financial support to many evacuees. Kerala from where a large number of nurses were working in Yemen, offered Rs2,000.

Maharashtra has announced Rs 3,000 as financial assistance.



# PMO's response during Crisis



## 11:56 am Earth Quake

Nepal, (UP, Bihar areas) in India



## Modi called Principal Secretary

to assess the magnitude of the situation. National Security Advisor Ajit Doval soon joined the PM.



## Next 10mins

a detailed report of damage including in UP and Bihar was given to Modi by IB

12:55 PM



Call to Akhilesh Yadav and Nitish Kumar, CMs of UP and Bihar resp

12:40 PM



First call to CM of Sikkim and assured him that air force would provide immediate relief

12:30 PM



## Meeting with PMO

Official news: PMO is working and reaching out to earthquake effected zones

1:15 PM



Got in touch with Indian embassy in Bhutan and enquired about the situation.

2 PM

Scheduled an urgent meeting for 3pm



Also, in consultation with Defense Minister decided to fly two military planes equipped with relief and rescue teams to Kathmandu.

3 PM



After the meeting, another meeting with higher officials to discuss execution & rescue operations

5 PM



Meanwhile spoke to Sushil Koirala and assured all the possible help from New Delhi.

# Operation Maitri



5000

Indians evacuated

170

foreign nationals  
from the U.S., the U.K.,  
Russia and Germany

The Indian government dispatched 220 tonnes of food packets and dry rations, 50 tonnes of water, 2 tonnes of medicines, 40 tents and 1,400 blankets to Nepal.



The aircrafts  
Indian Air  
Force  
mobilised for  
the rescue  
operation were:

Ilyushin Il-76  
C-130J Hercules  
C-17 Globemaster transport  
aircraft  
Mi-17 helicopters for  
Operation Maitri.

India had sent 18 medical teams (comprising 20 people each), and 12 engineer teams of about 60 people to the neighbouring country. While the engineers were helping to clear the rubble from blocked roads, the power assessment team had managed to restore electricity in major areas

## Rate Your Government's First Year – Survey Analysis

TheIndianiris.com conducted an online survey from 23rd April to 13th May 2015 to know the mood of the common people. We are excited that we got 5000 responses from all over the country. Most of the respondents are either student or professionals.

Here is the summary of our survey:

**Q1-**How keenly do you follow government's decisions?

**Result-**90% of the respondents follows it quite regularly. 10% either do not follow it regularly or don't watch the daily development closely.

**Q2-**Do you think, the new government is working harder and more efficiently compared to the previous government?

**Result-**89% respondents feel that Government is working harder and efficient but 4% think otherwise. 7% respondents were not sure on this.

**Q3-**Do you think, Modi has been able to bring transparency and control Corruption?

**Result-**90% respondents said that Modi government has been better than previous government so far. 10% think otherwise.

**Q4-** Modi Government has been able to bring the inflation down?

**Result-**78% felt that Government has done good job on inflation.11% think otherwise . 11% were not sure on this.

**Q5-**Modi's foreign trips will bring investments and bring growth to the country?

**Result-**85% feel it will bring investment, 10% feel otherwise. 5 % were neutral responses.

**Q6-**What do you think of government's land acquisition ordinance?

**Result-**75% feel its balancing act between corporates and farmers. They agree that this will set development agenda forward.20% feel its anti-farmer.5% were neutral

**Q7-**What do you think of Modi's Make in India Initiative?

**Result-**15% think it will only help multinationals only

54% think it will boost our economy

31% think it will generate massive employment

**Q8-** Do you think, Modi's love for technology (Digital India Initiative) will bring better future for our country?

**Result-**92% thinks that it will bring better future for country, 8% feel otherwise.

**Q9-**What do you think of Modi's Swachh Bharat Abhiyan?

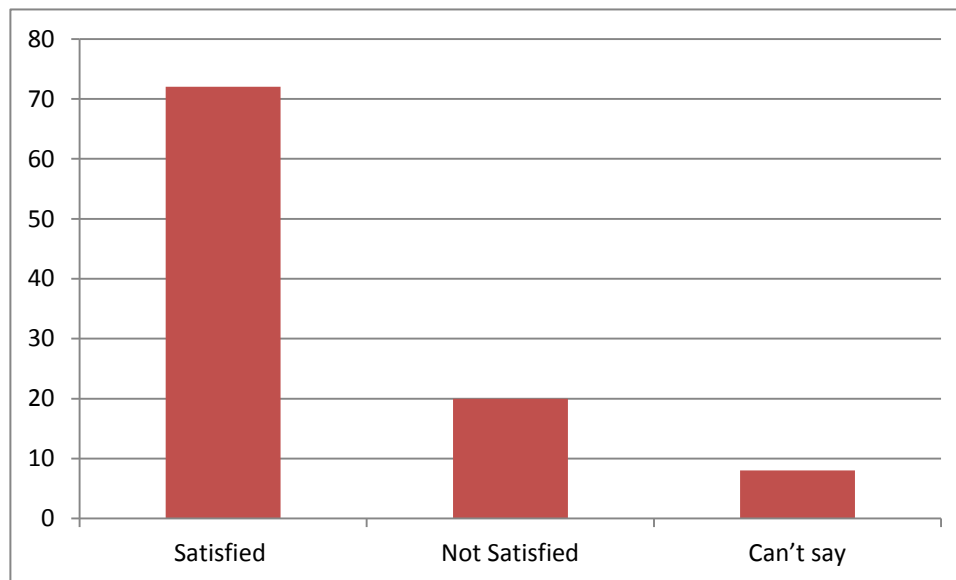
**Result-**62% think, Modi is serious on this and in few years it will bring good result, 10% think otherwise. 28% think that first we need to change our attitude towards cleanliness.

**Q10-**How much time do you think, it will take to see the true results of work done by Modi Government?

**Result-**5% feel that one year is enough but 80% feel that it will take 3-5 year time. Rest 15% thinks it will be 1-3 year time.

**Q11-** Overall, how satisfied are you with the Modi Government at Center?

**Result-**



Overall, it is evident that most of the common public is satisfied with the work Modi government has done. They are ready to give 3-5 years to Modi to take the initiative taken in this year further. Modi Government has been successful in bringing transparency with the governance. They are able to connect with people well but they need to continue doing the great work as expected.

A few people who wrote to us personally, did mention that Modi government needs to deliver some tangible results to the poor people, and the people who matter the most. While many of the people surveyed are happy with overall approach of government, some felt that the government should have avoided ordinance route on the land acquisition bill by reaching out to the opposition for building consensus. Some people did feel that government was not as swift on undesirable statements by some ministers as it was on several other occasions such as Yemen evacuation and Nepal relief work.

We, the Team Indian Iris, too feel that one year is too less to pass any judgment on the success or failure of the government. At best, in one year, any government can clear its intentions and show some directions. In this regard, we strongly feel that the new government at center has been able to set its agenda right. It is clearly decisive and responds swiftly on several issues of prime importance. Yemen evacuation and the Nepal relief efforts are testimony to the decisiveness of the government. The government has put together the ambitious schemes of Make in India, Skilled India, and Digital India to bring the economy back on the track. With the schemes like Swachh Bharat, Beti Bachao - Beti Padhao,



and Jandhan Yojna, along with several other schemes for poor and marginalized, the government seems to have taken care of various segments of the society.

The success of the government, however, shall depend on how well the new government is able to sustain the momentum and execute the ambitious schemes on the ground.

We shall come back with another report, a more polished, more detailed, and more pointed report, the same day next year, providing you a view of 365.25 days of the government.

- *The Indian Iris*