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From the Editor...

The Union Budget 2024-25 stands out as a transformative document in India's journey towards becoming a developed nation, embodying a vision encompassing diverse sectors, from infrastructure, digital economy, green energy initiatives, etc. to internal security.

All-round development has been a key focus of the Government under Prime Minister Shri Modi's leadership. In his Independence Day speech, he emphasised that with collective effort, India will achieve the vision of a 'Viksit Bharat' by 2047.

Aligned with this vision, the Union Budget is more than just a financial statement; it is a blueprint for shaping comprehensive development. It aims to elevate India to new heights by empowering every segment of society and creating opportunities for prosperity, particularly in villages, among the marginalised and farmers. The past 10 years have seen 25 crore people rise out of poverty and this budget continues the momentum by focusing on the empowerment of the neo-middle class through new opportunities for education, skills development and employment.

The Union Government's commitment to infrastructure development remains resolute, with substantial capital expenditure planned to support large-scale projects across sectors. This investment is expected to drive economic progress and create a solid foundation for sustained inclusive growth.

Under the astute leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, the budget not only paves the way for path-breaking economic and social advancement but also reinforces the commitment to safeguarding the nation.

Internal security is the cornerstone of national stability and therefore developmental progress. Over the past decade, the Union Government

has consistently prioritised the enhancement of security related infrastructure and emphasises on modernisation of the forces. This year's Budget is a reflection of these efforts, allocating a substantial ₹2,19,643.31 crore to the Union Home Ministry, out of which a significant portion is dedicated to the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs), in order to bolster their operational capabilities and to address evolving security challenges.

The Union Budget also reflects the Government's strong commitment to strengthen key law enforcement agencies. For example, the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), India's premier investigative body, has been allocated ₹951.46 crore, to support modernisation of its training centres, establishment of technical and forensic support units and the development of new facilities. Similarly, the Intelligence Bureau (IB), which plays a crucial role in internal security and intelligence gathering, will receive ₹3,823.83 crore. The Budget has allocated ₹1,348.35 crore for

capacity building of Police forces through Police training institutes.

Furthermore, commitment to strengthening forensic infrastructure is evident in the allocation of ₹285 crores in this Budget in addition to the recently approved outlay of ₹2,254.43 crore for National Forensic Infrastructure Enhancement Scheme.

This issue of 'Vigilant India' dwells on the Union Budget 2024-25, which addresses both immediate needs and long-term goals and paves the way for a safe, stable and prosperous nation.

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Jai Hind,
Rajeev Kumar Sharma
Director General, BPR&D

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The #BudgetForViksitBharat ensures inclusive growth, benefiting every segment of society and paving the way for a developed India.



Shri Narendra Modi
Prime Minister



‘पीएम आवास योजना’ करोड़ों गरीबों के अपने घर के सपने को साकार कर रही है। आज बजट में इस योजना को और विस्तार देते हुए ग्रामीण एवं शहरी क्षेत्रों में 3 करोड़ अतिरिक्त मकानों की घोषणा की गयी। साथ ही, औद्योगिक कामगारों के लिए डोरमेट्री जैसे आवास वाले किराए के मकानों की सुविधा के प्रावधान के निर्णय से गरीबों, मध्यम वर्गीय परिवारों व श्रमिकों के जीवन को सहारा मिलने वाला है।



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केंद्रीय गृह एवं सहकारिता मंत्री



देश के इस दूरदर्शी बजट के लिए माननीय प्रधानमंत्री जी का बहुत बहुत आभार एवं अभिनंदन। सरकार ने इस बजट में भारत के गांव, किसान, नौजवान, गरीब को सर्वोच्च शिखर पर ले जाने का पूरा ब्लू प्रिंट प्लान देश के सामने रख दिया है।



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The Budget 2024-25 presented by Hon’ble FM Smt Nirmala Sitharaman Ji under the visionary leadership of Hon’ble PM Shri Narendra Modi Ji is a testament to Bharat’s rise as a global economic powerhouse. It focuses on empowering our youth, Nari Shakti and farmers, driving the nation towards rapid development with new employment opportunities and economic growth. The budget also simplifies tax assessment rules, providing relief to taxpayers and boosting entrepreneurial spirit.



Shri Bandi Sanjay Kumar
Minister of State for Home Affairs



India is becoming ‘Aatmanirbhar’ in defence & emerging as a global manufacturing hub: Prime Minister @narendramodi during his #IndependenceDay2024 address. India was earlier a victim of terror attacks, today it is strong & bold; Armed Forces give a befitting reply to anyone who tries to harm us, says the PM.



Ministry of Home Affairs
Government of India



Taking India Forward

Agenda for Development & Innovation

The principle that reforms lead to solutions is applicable across society, economy and politics. Reforms go beyond simple changes in policies or processes; they represent a strategic approach aimed at addressing complex issues with lasting solutions.

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In his Independence Day address from the ramparts of the Red Fort on August 15, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi reiterated his commitment of 'Nation First', highlighting the policies and achievements of the Union Government over the last 10 years.

In his 11th consecutive Independence Day address, the Prime Minister highlighted the Union Government's focus on addressing basic needs, which has benefited underprivileged communities. He emphasised that reforms were made with a forward-looking approach rather than for political gains, leading to a culture where the Government proactively supports beneficiaries. The Prime Minister outlined the Union Government's vision and urged citizens to rise above caste and religious divisions to expedite national progress.



Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi greets youngsters from the ramparts of the Red Fort on the occasion of 78th Independence Day.

A developed India by 2047. This is not just a phrase for speeches, there is a lot of hard work behind it. I am happy that crores of citizens have given countless suggestions for a developed India by 2047. This confidence among the citizens has come out of their experience.

Shri Narendra Modi
Prime Minister

The Path of Reform

The Prime Minister expressed his gratitude to the people for electing his Government for the third consecutive time, affirming his commitment to realising the vision of a developed India by leveraging the strength of society. He emphasised that the goal of a developed India by 2047 is not merely a rhetorical promise and significant efforts are underway, with suggestions being gathered from lakhs of people across the nation.

The Prime Minister said that the Union Government has implemented substantial reforms that address the needs of the middle class, underprivileged, youth and urban population, forming the blueprint for the country's growth.

The Prime Minister called for reforms at every level

of governance. This approach could quickly achieve widespread improvements, enhancing daily life and empowering the nation's youth.

Strict Punishment for Crimes Against Women

Shri Modi voiced his concerns over incidents of violence against women, emphasising the need to instil fear in those responsible for such crimes. He stressed that crimes against women should be investigated without any delay. Those committing such demonic acts must be booked prima facie to reinstate the trust on the government, judiciary and civil society, he said. The Prime Minister urged the State Governments to take this issue seriously, advocating for swift investigations and prompt, strict punishments to restore trust in society.

Defeating Ill Intentions with Positive Actions

Prime Minister Shri Modi highlighted both internal and external challenges in his speech, warning of





Glimpses of 78th Independence Day at Red Fort.

destructive intentions harboured by a few hostile elements. He emphasised that the nation must recognise these threats. At the same time, he urged global powers to understand that India's growth poses no threat to anyone, advising them against tactics that could hinder India's progress. He affirmed that the country will overcome ill intentions with positive actions.

Call for a 'Secular' Civil Code

Prime Minister Shri Modi, while advocating for a Uniform Civil Code, stated that it was a vision of the framers of the Constitution and it is our duty to realise it. He stressed the need for the country to adopt a 'secular' civil code instead of a communal one, noting that the Supreme Court has also raised concerns about the existence of different civil codes. He called for a comprehensive discussion on this issue, asserting that laws dividing the country along religious lines should have no place in our society.



75,000 New Medical Seats in Five Years

The Prime Minister announced that the Government will create 75,000 new medical seats over the next five years for students aspiring to study medicine. He emphasised the Government's focus on skill development for the youth and said that youth will receive high-quality.

Prioritising Sports

The Prime Minister congratulated the young athletes who have represented India on the global Olympic stage. He expressed pride in their achievements and extended his best wishes for their future endeavours. He also highlighted India's participation in the upcoming Paralympics in Paris, offering heartfelt good wishes to the Indian Paralympic delegation set to depart soon, encouraging them to continue striving for new goals with determination and effort. He reaffirmed Government's commitment to prioritising sports and announced that the country is preparing to host the Olympics in 2036.

Concluding his speech, the Prime Minister renewed his call for electoral reforms, advocating for a unified approach to elections across the country and said that all parties should come forward for 'One Nation-One Election'. He drew attention to the politicisation of schemes linked to elections, noting that this process wastes significant national resources. ■

KEY TAKEAWAYS FROM PM'S SPEECH



- Ease of Living Mission:** Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi outlined his vision to fulfil 'Ease of Living' in a mission mode. He spoke of enhancing the quality of life in urban areas through systematic assessments and improvements in infrastructure and services.
- Revival of the Nalanda Spirit:** He sought to revive the ancient Nalanda University spirit, positioning India as a global education hub by promoting higher learning and research.
- Made in India Chip-Semiconductor Production:** Outlining India's commitment to become a global leader in semiconductor production, Shri Modi said India is aiming to reduce dependency on imports and enhance technological self-sufficiency.
- Skill India:** Referring to the Union Budget 2024-25, the PM's speech highlighted landmark initiatives announced by the Government to train India's youth and become the skill capital of the world.
- Design in India, Design for World:** The Prime Minister exalted indigenous design capabilities and urged citizens to create products that cater to both domestic and international markets.
- Leader in Global Gaming Market:** India must leverage its rich ancient legacy and literature to come up with 'Made in India' gaming products, said the PM. He added that Indian professionals must lead the global gaming market and Indian games should make their presence felt.
- Green Jobs and Green Hydrogen Mission:** Emphasising the importance of green jobs in India's efforts to combat climate change, Shri Modi said that the focus of the country is now on green growth and green jobs, which will generate employment opportunities while contributing to environmental protection. He reiterated India's commitment to becoming a global leader in green hydrogen production and creating sustainable employment opportunities in environmental conservation and renewable energy sectors.
- Hub of Industrial Manufacturing:** The speech envisioned transforming India into a global manufacturing hub, leveraging its vast resources and skilled workforce.
- Swasth Bharat Mission:** The Prime Minister said that to achieve the goal of Viksit Bharat 2047, India must tread the path of 'Swasth Bharat' which has begun with the launch of the Rashtriya Poshan Abhiyan.
- State-level Investment Competition:** Shri Modi urged State Governments to establish clear policies to attract investments, offer assurances of good governance and ensure confidence in the law and order situation.
- Indian Standards as Global Benchmarks:** Speaking on India's aspiration to be recognised for its commitment to quality, the PM stated that Indian standards should aspire to become international benchmarks.
- Climate Change Targets:** Prime Minister Shri Modi reiterated India's ambitious goal of achieving 500 gigawatts of renewable energy capacity by the year 2030. He noted that India has been the only country among the G20 nations to meet its Paris Accord goals.

'Har Ghar Tiranga' Campaign: A Symbol of Patriotism

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The 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign serves as a tribute to the heroes of India's Independence movement, a commitment to prioritise the nation and promote national unity. The Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah, took part in a 'Tiranga Yatra' organised by the Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation on August 13. The event was attended by Gujarat Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel and other dignitaries.

In his address, Shri Shah stated that the 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign has become a symbol of patriotic expression and a pledge to create a developed India by 2047. He added that the campaign is energising not only Gujarat but the entire country.

The Union Home Minister highlighted that on the 78th Independence Day, every household and workplace should display the national flag.

Shri Shah noted that when Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi decided to celebrate the Amrit Mahotsav of Independence, it was motivated by three key objectives: first, to remind the history of freedom struggle to every child, youth and citizen; second, to educate all citizens, particularly the younger generation, about the achievements made by the country in the 75 years of Independence; and third, to encourage the 140 crore citizens to engage with the nation's development over the next 25 years leading to the centenary of Independence.

The Union Minister explained that the 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign is held annually to remind everyone of the commitment to make India the leading nation. He emphasised that the event is also an opportunity to honour the numerous freedom fighters who laid their lives for the nation's Independence.

He mentioned that in 2022 as part of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav', the 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign was initiated by Prime Minister Shri Modi from August 9 to 15. The Union Home Minister urged everyone to join the campaign by displaying the national flag at their homes, offices, factories and to take selfies with it. He



Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah participates in the 'Tiranga Yatra' in Ahmedabad.

emphasised that Prime Minister Shri Modi has urged people to boost the use of Khadi across the nation and enhance its trade. He noted the significance of adopting the slogans 'Khadi for Nation', 'Khadi for Fashion' and 'Har Ghar Tiranga, Har Ghar Khadi'.

The Union Home Minister stated that in line with Prime Minister Shri Modi's vision, the youth of the country must take the initiative to fulfil the goal of making India a developed nation by 2047. He expressed his satisfaction at seeing the national flag in the hands of the people across the region, indicating that the country is united in this pledge, infused with a spirit of patriotism. ■

Union Home Minister's Appeal to the Nation

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji's address on the occasion of the 78th Independence Day is a reflection of the Union Government's resolve towards building a developed and self-reliant India. Inspired by the achievements of the past decade, Modi ji is demonstrating a commitment to advancing the country through successful initiatives such as renewable energy, One Nation–One Election, digital education, UCC, the expansion of medical education, industrial manufacturing, the "Design in India" initiative and women's empowerment through self-help groups. I urge the countrymen to take a pledge to build a strong India.

Shri Amit Shah, Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation



The Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah, hoisted the Tricolour at his residence in New Delhi on August 14, as part of the 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign. He also shared a selfie with the national flag on the social media platform X, expressing that the countless flags symbolise the collective determination to make India a great nation again. At the beginning of the 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign, the Union Home Minister had appealed to the people to hoist the Tricolour in their homes and upload selfies on the website www.harghartiranga.com ■

'Partition Horrors Remembrance Day' Observed

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Shri Amit Shah paid heartfelt tributes to the lakhs of people who were impacted by the Partition of India in 1947, marking the solemn occasion of 'Partition Horrors Remembrance Day' on August 14. The day, observed annually on August 14 since 2021, serves as a poignant reminder of the human suffering, displacement, and loss that accompanied the division of the country.

In a post on X, Prime Minister Shri Modi said, "On Partition Horrors Remembrance Day, we recall the countless people who were impacted and greatly suffered due to the horrors of Partition. It is also a day to pay tributes to their courage, which illustrates the power of human resilience". He also reaffirmed the Union Government's commitment to unity.



Union Home Minister Shri Shah also paid tributes to the victims of Partition, acknowledging the profound pain and upheaval experienced by millions of people. "On Partition Horrors Remembrance Day, my homage to the millions who suffered inhumane pains, lost lives, and turned homeless during this most hideous episode of our history," he posted on X. ■



Budget Boost for Robust National Security

To build a developed India by 2047, it is essential to empower every citizen. The safety of the nation's borders must be ensured, and all elements of internal security should be modernised to meet current needs. With the guiding principle that no one should be left behind, the General Budget has addressed the needs of all. Resources have been allocated for everyone, with special attention given to security agencies, including the Central Armed Police Forces.

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Robust internal security is a cornerstone for national stability and progress, and under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, the Union Government has consistently prioritised this crucial matter. A review of the Union Budgets over the last 10 years shows a clear focus on the security of citizens, enhanced vigilance in border areas and infrastructure development as key priorities for the Government.

The Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah, remains dedicated to advancing this vision, actively driving initiatives to strengthen the security apparatus and promote comprehensive development in the Union Territories.

This commitment was further reflected in the Union Budget 2024-25, presented by the Union Finance Minister Smt Nirmala Sitharaman on July 23, who emphasised increased funding for the Union Home Ministry.

The budget includes significant allocations for Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs), Union Territories, Disaster Management and the Vibrant Villages programme, highlighting the Union Government's focus on strengthening internal security and development efforts.

It is noteworthy to mention that a total of ₹2,19,643.31 crore has been allocated to the Ministry of Home Affairs in the Union Budget. The total allocation to the Union Home Ministry reflects an increase from the ₹2,02,868.70 crore in the Interim



The Union Finance Minister, Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman, before the presentation of the Union Budget.

Budget, which was presented on February 1.

The largest portion of this year's budget allocation to the Union Home Ministry—₹1,43,275.90 crore—has been directed towards the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) and Central Police Organisations (CPOs), along with other security and intelligence agencies. This increased funding is aimed at enhancing their capabilities in counter-terrorism, insurgency management, maintaining law and order and strengthening the country's internal security.

A sum of ₹96,950.12 crore has been earmarked for the CAPFs alone. The allocation is for meeting the administrative expenditures of the Central Reserve Police Force, National Security Guard, Border Security Force, Indo-Tibetan Border Police, Central Industrial Security Force, Assam Rifles, Sashastra Seema Bal and the Departmental Accounting Organisations attached with these forces. The allocated fund is also meant for procurement of machinery, equipment and motor vehicles.

Strengthening Agencies

The Union Budget has significant allocations for intelligence and security agencies. The Intelligence Bureau (IB) has been allocated ₹3,823.83 crore to cover its administrative expenses, while the National

Intelligence Grid (NATGRID) has received ₹198.53 crore to enhance its capability in linking databases for combating terrorism and countering internal security threats. In addition, ₹506.32 crore has been earmarked for the Special Protection Group (SPG), which is responsible for providing security to the Prime Minister of India, former Prime Ministers, their immediate family members, and other designated protectees.

The Union Budget has also allocated ₹951.46 crore to the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), the apex investigating agency of the country. This amount is intended to support various initiatives, including the modernisation of CBI training centres, the establishment of technical and forensic support units and the acquisition or construction of office and residential buildings for the agency.

In addition, ₹1,506.37 crore has been set aside for CPOs, including the Narcotics Control Bureau, National Crime Records Bureau and the National Investigation Agency, to support their administrative functions and enhance their operational capabilities. These strategic allocations aim to strengthen law enforcement across key regions and agencies in India.

Enhancing Law Enforcement

A significant share of allocations have been made to various police forces to enhance law enforcement and public safety. The Delhi Police and Jammu & Kashmir Police have been granted ₹11,180.33 crore and ₹9,789.42 crore respectively. This funding will cover routine expenses and support various initiatives such as developing a modern traffic system, expanding communication infrastructure, upgrading training facilities and incorporating the latest technology.

Security Infra Boost

Border security remains a top priority, as reflected in the significant allocations. A total of ₹3,756.51 crore has been designated for border infrastructure and management, which includes provisions for maintaining border works, erecting barbed wire fencing, constructing roads and observation post towers and installing floodlights. It also covers the induction of high-tech surveillance along the Indo-Bangladesh and Indo-Pakistan borders, the establishment of mobile check posts in coastal areas to combat illegal activities and the construction of border outposts.

In addition, ₹3,152.36 crore has been allocated for police infrastructure, which will fund the construction

of office and residential buildings for the CAPFs, Central Police Organisations, Intelligence Bureau, Central Forensic Science Laboratories, Bureau of Police Research & Development, Narcotics Control Bureau, National Intelligence Grid, National Investigation Agency and other key agencies responsible for internal security.

Women's Safety

Women's safety has consistently been a top priority for the Union Government under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Modi, which is evidenced by the allocation of ₹1,105 crore in this year's budget for various schemes. The allocation is meant for the Nirbhaya Fund and initiatives such as Cyber Crime Prevention against Women & Children, the establishment of more Women Help Desks, the strengthening of Anti-Human Trafficking units and the Emergency Response Support System. In addition, the allocation will be used for upgrading Central Forensic Science Laboratories, setting up a National Forensic Data Centre and modernising forensic capabilities. The Union Home Ministry has a dedicated Women Safety Division to work with States and Union Territories, ensuring timely investigations of sexual assault cases and reinforcing forensic science's role in criminal investigations.

Among the projects funded by the Nirbhaya Fund, the Safe City Project is currently being implemented in eight cities—Ahmedabad, Bengaluru, Chennai, Delhi, Hyderabad, Kolkata, Lucknow and Mumbai. These projects leverage technology to enhance the safety of women, including the use of drones, the installation of CCTV cameras to alert police about criminal activities, smart lighting systems that illuminate dark alleys and crime hotspots, and easily locatable women's toilets on Google Maps.

Prioritising Disaster Management

In line with Prime Minister Shri Modi's vision of building a disaster-resilient India, the Union Home Ministry, under the leadership of Shri Shah, has launched several initiatives to strengthen the nation's disaster management capabilities. This year's budget has prioritised disaster risk reduction, allocating ₹1,606.95 crore for the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) and ₹288.63 crore for disaster management initiatives. The NDRF, a highly specialised force equipped to handle natural and man-made disasters, plays a crucial role in the Government's enhanced focus on early warning, prevention and

Allocation for CAPFs

Central Reserve Police Force	₹31,543.20 crore
Border Security Force	₹25,472.44 crore
Central Industrial Security Force	₹14,331.89 crore
Indo-Tibetan Border Police	₹8,634.21 crore
Sashastra Seema Bal	₹8,881.81 crore
Assam Rifles	₹7,428.33 crore
National Security Guard	₹1273.19 crore

Other Key Allocations

Intelligence Bureau	₹3823.83 crore
National Intelligence Grid	₹198.53 crore
Special Protection Group	₹506.32 crore
Delhi Police	₹11180.33 crore
Jammu & Kashmir Police	₹9789.42 crore
Central Police Organisations	₹1506.37 crore
Criminology/Forensic Science	₹84.87 crore
Border Infra Management	₹3756.51 crore
Police Infrastructure	₹3152.36 crore
Schemes for Women's Safety	₹1105.00 crore
Forensic Infra Scheme	₹150.00 crore
Forensic Science University	₹80.00 crore

preparedness. These funds will boost disaster response operations and national disaster management programmes.

Leaving No One Behind

The Union Finance Minister outlined a strategic vision centred on nine key priorities to pave the way for a 'Developed India'. These priorities encompass productivity and resilience in agriculture, employment and skills development, inclusive human resource development and social justice, advancements in manufacturing and services, urban development, energy security, infrastructure, innovation, research and development and next-generation reforms. Capital expenditure by both Union and State Governments remains crucial for funding large-scale infrastructure projects. From FY21 to FY24, the Union Government's capital expenditure grew 2.2 times, while the capital expenditure increased 2.1 times for States. ■

Budget 2024-25: A Commitment to Fulfilling Hopes and Aspirations of the Nation



- ▶ **Pro-people and pro-development Budget**
- ▶ **The Budget reflects PM Modi's commitment to take the country's economic development to new heights**
- ▶ **It will give boost to women power**
- ▶ **The Budget will infuse new energy in the MSME sector**

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The Union Budget 2024-25 places key importance on the welfare of all sections of society. Recognising and lauding the various schemes of the Budget, the Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah, emphasised that it exemplifies Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's firm commitment to enhancing ease of doing business and entrepreneurship. He said the Union Budget will elevate the country's economic status to new heights.

In a series of posts on social media platform X (formerly Twitter) on July 23, Shri Shah said, "The Union Budget 2024-25 not only exemplifies India's

newfound sense of purpose, hope and optimism under Prime Minister Shri Modi's leadership, but also fortifies them. Harnessing the power of the youth, women and farmers, it will fuel the nation's pace on the path of emerging as a developed nation by ushering in a new era of employment and opportunities. My heartfelt gratitude to Prime Minister Shri Modi and Union Finance Minister Smt Nirmala Sitharaman for the pro-people and pro-development visionary budget."

The Union Home Minister talked about the expansion of the PM Awas Yojana that is set to include three crore additional houses in both rural and urban areas. Additionally, provisions for dormitory-style rental housing for industrial workers will provide much-needed support to the marginalised, he added.

Shri Shah said that welfare of farmers has always been at the centre of schemes and policies of the Union Government under the leadership of the Prime Minister. "To boost agricultural productivity, the Union Budget has allocated a substantial amount of ₹1.52 lakh crore. This funding will support initiatives such as certifying one crore farmers for natural farming, setting up 10,000 bio-input centres, creating digital public infrastructure for agriculture, conducting kharif crop surveys in 400 districts and formulating strategies for oilseeds. These measures are expected to drive swift and sustainable



The Union Budget is a significant step towards the empowerment of youth and women, as well as providing numerous opportunities to farmers, contributing to the creation of a developed and self-reliant India. It demonstrates Prime Minister Shri Modi Ji's unwavering commitment to economic development.

Shri Amit Shah, Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation

growth in the agricultural sector", he added.

Shri Shah said that the Union Government is also strengthening the cooperative sector to boost the rural economy and it was a key focus area in the budget. The introduction of the 'National Cooperative Policy' aims to enhance the cooperative movement and extend its impact at the grassroots level. Additionally, the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) will offer financing for shrimp farming, processing and export, providing a new impetus to the aquaculture sector.

The Union Budget has provided economic relief to the middle class, giving new dimensions to their aspirations. Whether it is tax exemptions or simplifying tax regulations, providing housing for middle-class families or offering relief in medication costs for cancer

patients, the budget aims to make the lives of the common people better, the Union Home Minister said.

Welcoming the measures for employment generating schemes, Shri Shah said that with a broad range of measures, including loan guarantees, the budget is set to transform India into a sustainable manufacturing powerhouse, scripting a new era of self-reliance and prosperity. Three schemes for 'Employment Linked Incentive' were announced in the budget as part of Prime Minister's package of 5 schemes and initiatives to facilitate employment, skilling and other opportunities for 4.1 crore youth over a 5-year period with a central outlay of ₹2 lakh crore.

The Union Home Minister said the budget also provides substantial relief to people in flood-affected States. He said that by providing much-needed relief to flood-affected Bihar, Assam, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand and Sikkim, the budget sets out to reshape the dreams of people by rejuvenating the affected areas and making adequate provisions for flood prevention. The budget has provided financial support for projects with estimated cost of ₹11,500 crore such as the Kosi-Mechi intra- state link and many other initiatives including barrages, river pollution abatement and irrigation projects.

Shri Shah said that the Union Government is continuously prioritising the empowerment of women across the country. "The budget further supports this goal with an allocation of over ₹3 lakh crore for promoting women-led development. The key measures include establishing hostels and creches for the convenience of working women and enhancing market access for women self-help groups and encouraging States to reduce stamp duty on properties purchased by women.

Giving credit to Prime Minister Shri Modi and Finance Minister Smt Sitharaman for a welfare-oriented budget, Shri Shah stated that it reflects the Union Government's commitment to fulfilling the hopes, aspirations and trust of the people.

"It is a significant step towards the empowerment of youth and women, as well as providing numerous opportunities for farmers, contributing to the creation of a developed and self-reliant India. The budget demonstrates Government's commitment to advancing economic development and enhancing ease of doing business in the country," the Union Home Minister added. ■

Refugees Granted Citizenship Under Citizenship Amendment Act

Refugees Become Part of Mother India's Family: Shri Amit Shah

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Highlighting the significance of the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) as a transformative measure, the Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah, presented citizenship certificates to 188 refugees on August 18 in Ahmedabad, Gujarat.

During his address, Shri Shah emphasised that the CAA is not just to give citizenship to numerous people settled in the country, but to give justice and rights to them. "From 1947 to 2014, the rights and justice of those who took refuge in this country were not upheld," he stated, reflecting on a historical context that many refugees have faced. These individuals have borne the weight of religious persecution, not only in their countries of origin but also within Indian borders, often stripped of their dignity and rights. He noted that for generations, these refugees have yearned for justice, often seeing their families and livelihoods lost due to the circumstances that forced them to flee. He highlighted that the law is addressing the longstanding demands of the refugees.

The CAA, enacted in 2019, offers a pathway to Indian citizenship for persecuted religious minorities, including Hindus, Sikhs, Buddhists and Jains, from neighbouring countries such as Pakistan, Bangladesh, and Afghanistan.

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, demonstrating strong leadership, took the decisive step in 2019 to pass the legislation. Although there were instances of violence following its passage, the Union Government, ahead of the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, successfully introduced the necessary rules to grant citizenship, along with certificates, to eligible applicants, said the Union Home Minister.

Addressing the misconceptions surrounding the law, the Union Home Minister clarified that "there is no provision in this law to take citizenship from anyone; it is a law to grant citizenship." This reform



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Shri Amit Shah, Union Home
Minister and Minister of Cooperation

stands as a testament to the Union Government's commitment to ensuring that individuals who fled to protect their self-respect and religious freedom are afforded the dignity of citizenship.

The Union Home Minister emphasised the importance of the CAA in bridging the historical

divides that have long plagued the refugees. “Even after the law was passed, these families did not receive citizenship until 2024 due to the riots and misinformation spread across the country,” he lamented. He urged State Governments to cease misleading the public regarding the CAA and encouraged refugees nationwide to apply for citizenship confidently. “This law will serve to give justice to the refugees and provide them with the respect they so deserve,” Shri Shah added.

The Union Home Minister’s address poignantly highlighted the need for acknowledgment and forgiveness for the atrocities committed against these communities. Shri Shah said that there is no provision for criminal prosecution in this law. He added that this has been done because the delay in giving citizenship was due to the Government and not because of the people.

The Union Home Minister also drew attention to the broader implications of the CAA within the context of Prime Minister Shri Modi’s vision for an inclusive and just society. He stated that the Prime Minister has consistently worked to eradicate the four canker sores afflicting democracy: nepotism, casteism, appeasement and corruption. The CAA fits into this larger framework, as it seeks to provide a voice and rights to those marginalised for too long, he added.

Shri Shah underscored the Prime Minister’s efforts to restore dignity to religious structures and communities that have faced historic injustices, such as the grand Ram Temple in Ayodhya and the restoration of significant temples such as the Kashi Vishwanath in Varanasi and the Mahakal Lok in Ujjain. He noted that the abolition of Article 370 and the removal of triple talaq are all part of a commitment to equity and justice for all citizens.

The enactment of the CAA represents a significant stride toward rectifying historical grievances and affirming the rights of marginalised communities. As the Union Government moves forward, the CAA stands not only as a legal provision but as a beacon of hope for countless refugees seeking justice, respect and a rightful place in Indian society. Through this landmark reform, the Union Government reaffirms its commitment to ensuring that every individual, regardless of their background, is treated with dignity and respect. ■



This law will work to give justice and honour, and will be an atonement for the atrocities that happened to the refugee people.

Shri Amit Shah, Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation

J&K's Tryst with Progress

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Marking the fifth anniversary of the abrogation of Article 370, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi hailed the historic decision as a pivotal moment in India's history, heralding a new era of progress and prosperity for both Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh.

In a post on social media platform X on August 5, Prime Minister Shri Modi emphasised the significance of the decision and said, "Today, we mark five years since the Parliament of India decided to abrogate Article 370. It was a watershed moment in our nation's history and the start of a new era of progress and prosperity across Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh. The abrogation meant that the Constitution of India was implemented in these places in letter and spirit, in line with the vision of the great men and women who drafted our Constitution."

The Prime Minister remarked that with the abrogation of Article 370 came security, dignity and opportunity for the women, youth, tribal and marginalised communities who were deprived of the fruits of development. At the same time, it has ensured that corruption, which plagued Jammu and Kashmir for decades, has been kept at bay. "I assure the people of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh that the Union Government will keep working for them and fulfil all their aspirations in the coming times," Shri Modi added.

The Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah, echoed the Prime Minister's sentiments on Jammu and Kashmir, highlighting the transformative impact of the abrogation of Article 370.

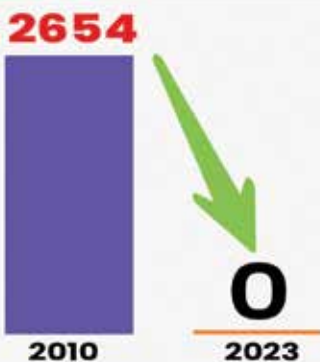


**In 2023
alone, over two
crore tourists visited
the Kashmir
Valley**

The Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah, echoed the Prime Minister's sentiments, highlighting the transformative impact of the abrogation of Article 370. In a statement on X on August 5, he noted, "Today marks five years since the abrogation of Article 370 under Prime Minister Shri Modi's leadership. This transformative decision has ushered in a new era of empowerment for marginalised sections and strengthened grassroots democracy in Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh. The region's youth are driving socio-economic growth and cultural revival, making the Union Government's efforts to foster peace and comprehensive development a grand success. We thank Shri Modi Ji for this landmark decision and reaffirm our dedication to advancing the region's aspirations and transformative progress."

The abrogation of Article 370 has significantly altered the socio-political landscape of Jammu and Kashmir, ushering in wide-ranging changes across development, security and socio-economic dimensions. The once-common occurrences of stone-pelting and organised strikes have largely been quelled, leading to a more stable and secure environment. The Ministry of Home Affairs has committed to accelerating inclusive development, focusing on empowering the residents of both Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh. ■

Stone-Pelting Incidents



Source: MHA

Awards for Outstanding Service

To honour their contributions, service and valour, a total of 1,037 personnel from the Police, Fire, Home Guard & Civil Defence (HG&CD) and Correctional Services were awarded Gallantry and Service Medals on Independence Day.



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The Indian Police force stands as a pillar of strength and resilience, operating under challenging and often perilous conditions to ensure the safety and security of the nation. Through rigorous training and determined spirit, police personnel across the country continually rise to the challenge, demonstrating courage in the face of adversity and earning both respect and admiration.

To recognise the service and valour of police personnel, the Union Government presents awards under different categories, including the President's Medal for Gallantry, Medal for Gallantry, President's Medal for Distinguished Service and Medal for Meritorious Service to deserving police personnel each year on Republic Day and Independence Day.

This 15th August, the President's Medal for Gallantry was awarded to Shri Chaduvu Yadaiah, a Head Constable with the Telangana Police. He got the prestigious medal for his extraordinary bravery during a robbery incident on July 25, 2022. Despite severe stab injuries, he managed to catch the robbers. He was hospitalised for 17 days.

A total of 213 Medal for Gallantry were awarded, of which 208 were conferred to police personnel. Among these, 31 medals were awarded to members of the Jammu & Kashmir Police, while 17 each were given to personnel from Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra Police.

Additionally, 15 medals went to Chhattisgarh Police and 12 to Madhya Pradesh Police while seven personnel from the Punjab, Jharkhand and Telangana also got the medals.

My heartiest congratulations to the personnel of the Police, Fire, Home Guard, Civil Defence, and Correctional Services who have been awarded gallantry and service medals on the occasion of Independence Day. The honours bestowed upon them for exemplary service will further bolster our security apparatus with renewed encouragement. All my best wishes are with them in their future endeavours.

Shri Amit Shah, Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation

Apart from this, 52 personnel from the CRPF, 14 from SSB, 10 from CISF and six personnel from the BSF were awarded the medals. Three awards under Medal for Gallantry category have been given to personnel from the Delhi Fire Service and one from the Jharkhand Fire Service, while one medal has also been conferred on personnel from the Uttar Pradesh Home Guard & Civil Defence.

Out of 94 President's Medal for Distinguished Service, 75 have been awarded to Police Service, eight to Fire Service, eight to Civil Defence & Home Guard Service and three to Correctional Service. Out of 729 Medals for Meritorious Service, 624 have been awarded to Police Service, 47 to Fire Service, 47 to Civil Defence & Home Guard Service and 11 to Correctional Service. ■

Formation of 5 New Districts: A Key Step Towards a Developed & Prosperous Ladakh

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In a historic move to realise Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's vision of a developed and prosperous Ladakh, the Union Home Ministry has approved the creation of five new districts in the Union Territory. This initiative will improve governance and ensure that development extends to every part of the region. It underscores the Union Government's commitment to prioritising Ladakh's development, while preserving its natural beauty and distinct cultural identity.

Throwing light on this historic decision, the Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah, said that the move will strengthen the administration in the five newly carved districts of Changthang, Drass, Nubra, Sham and Zaskar. With the creation of these five districts, local people can get the benefits of Government schemes at their doorstep. With the addition of these five districts, the Union Territory of Ladakh will now have a total of seven districts, including Leh and Kargil.

The vast geographical expanse of Ladakh, coupled with its sparse population and challenging terrain, made it difficult for the current district administration to effectively reach grassroots levels. The creation of these new districts will address this issue, allowing public welfare schemes from the Central Government and Ladakh Administration to be more accessible. This step is expected to accelerate Ladakh's overall

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development, particularly in areas such as tourism and infrastructure as well as further enhancing connectivity in the remote region.

The Union Home Ministry has directed the Ladakh administration to form a committee to assess details regarding district headquarters, boundaries, structure and other logistical aspects. The committee is required to submit its report within three months, after which the final proposal will be sent to the Ministry of Home Affairs for further action.

The Union Government is fully committed to unlocking immense possibilities for the people of Ladakh, paving the way for their economic progress and long-term prosperity. Ladakh became a Union Territory in 2019 following the passage of the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act. ■

BCAS: Redefining Aviation Security

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Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Shri Amit Shah praised the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) for the successful conduct of the second Aviation Security Culture Week 2024 from August 5 to 11.

In a post on social media platform X on August 7, the Union Home Minister commended the initiative and said, “This celebration, which hones our aviation security culture, is a testament to India’s commitment to building a better and safer society. I appreciate the Bureau for their exemplary work in safeguarding our airports and airspace. May this week inspire continued vigilance and excellence in aviation security.”

The Aviation Security Culture Week 2024 witnessed enthusiastic participation from airports across India. The theme ‘Divestment of Restricted Articles by Passengers at Security Checkpoints,’ was designed to enhance understanding of security protocols among passengers and non-security personnel. Some of the events included marathons, band displays, quiz competitions and painting contests, all aimed at promoting effective divestment practices.

The BCAS’s role in this initiative reflects its broader functions, which include setting aviation security standards for airport and airline operators, monitoring the implementation of security regulations, ensuring proper training for security personnel and coordinating aviation security matters. The strong participation and positive response highlight the ongoing commitment of the aviation community and the public to a secure and streamlined travel experience.

The aim of the BCAS is to safeguard civil aviation operations against acts of unlawful interference. According to the latest Government information, the Bureau has developed contingency plans to deal with emergencies arising out of hijacking and other acts of unlawful interference to civil aviation operations.

Among other things, the BCAS provides for the establishment of an aerodrome committee at each airport. Crisis Management Procedures are activated immediately on the occurrence of any emergency,



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such as security threats, terrorism, hijacking, unlawful seizure of aircraft, etc. Keeping in view the operational requirements in the changing security scenario, the contingency plan has been suitably modified and issued to all concerned authorities. In order to test the efficiency of the contingency plan and operational preparedness of the concerned agencies, mock exercises are conducted regularly at the airports. ■

New Criminal Laws Mark the Biggest Criminal Justice Reform of the 21st Century



Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah inspects the new apps designed for the smooth implementation of the New Criminal Laws.

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The Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah, unveiled a suite of technological tools designed to fast track the implementation of the three new criminal laws on August 4. The launch event, held at CFSL, Chandigarh, featured the introduction of four key applications: e-Evidence, e-Summons, Nyay Setu and Nyay Shruti.

The three new criminal laws—the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023; Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023; and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhinyam, 2023—took effect on July 1.

In his address, the Union Home Minister emphasised the crucial role of technological advancements in enforcing the new criminal laws effectively. “To ensure these laws are implemented on the ground, we need to enhance the technical capabilities of our system,” he said. The new tools aim to streamline various facets of the criminal justice process, he added.

With the full implementation of the three new criminal laws, India will now have the most modern and technology-based criminal justice system in the world.

Shri Amit Shah, Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation

The event was attended by dignitaries, including Punjab Governor and Chandigarh Administrator Shri Gulab Chand Kataria and the Union Home Secretary Shri Ajay Kumar Bhalla.

The e-Evidence platform will securely store all videography, photography and testimony related to crime scenes. The data will be immediately accessible in court, ensuring swift justice. The e-Summons system allows for the electronic dispatch of court summons to police stations and recipients, simplifying and expediting the legal process. The Nyay Setu dashboard connects police, medical, forensic, prosecution and



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prison services, providing a comprehensive view of all investigative information with a single click. Nyay Shruti application will enable courts to hear witnesses remotely through video conferencing, reducing time and costs associated with in-person hearings.

Shri Shah noted that the Union Government has undertaken several initiatives to support the effective implementation of the new laws. Significant progress has been made, including advancements in the Crime and Criminal Tracking Network & Systems (CCTNS), training for Station House Officers (SHOs) and integration of the Forensic Science Laboratories (FSLs). He emphasised that technology has become the cornerstone of this entire framework.

The Union Home Minister said that Chandigarh could become the first administrative unit in the country to achieve 100% implementation of the new criminal laws. “With these advancements, India is poised to have the most modern and technology-driven criminal justice system,” he added.

The launch of these technological tools marks a significant step toward modernising India’s criminal justice system, promising a more efficient and technologically adept approach to law enforcement as well as legal proceedings.

Shri Shah also highlighted ongoing efforts to bolster forensic capabilities, citing the establishment of forensic science universities in eight States, with plans to expand to eight other States. These universities are expected to produce over 36,000 forensic experts annually.

In addition to technological improvements, the new criminal laws provide for mandatory visits by a forensic team in offences carrying a punishment of seven years or more. The introduction of a Director of Prosecution at various administrative levels aims to ensure rigorous monitoring of prosecution processes, enhancing the integrity and efficiency of the justice system. ■

Key Platforms

- **e-Sakshya:** This platform will securely store all videography, photography and testimony related to crime scenes. The data will be immediately accessible in court, ensuring swift justice.
- **e-Summons:** This system allows for the electronic dispatch of court summons to police stations and recipients, simplifying and expediting the legal process.
- **Nyay Setu:** This integrated dashboard connects police, medical, forensic, prosecution and prison services. It provides a comprehensive view of all investigative information with a single click.
- **Nyay Shruti:** With the help of video conferencing, this application enables courts to hear witnesses remotely, reducing time and costs associated with in-person hearings.

Environmental Protection A Shared Responsibility for All



The Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah, urged residents of Ahmedabad to take part in tree plantation drives on a regular basis.

Under the leadership of Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah, crores of saplings have been planted across the country by the personnel of the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs). They have planted more than five crore saplings in the last three years and by the end of this year another one crore saplings will be planted.

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Protecting the environment through tree plantation is crucial for maintaining ecological balance as well as to address climate change and community involvement is essential for this initiative. When local residents take part in tree planting efforts, they develop a sense of ownership and responsibility towards the society.

During the inauguration of an 'oxygen park' at Thaltej in Ahmedabad on August 18, the Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah, highlighted the importance of community involvement in the fight against climate change by planting trees. He also took part in an afforestation drive under the 'Mission 3 Million Tree Scheme'. This initiative by the Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation aims to plant 30 lakh trees in 100 days.

The Union Home Minister highlighted the urgent need to address rising carbon dioxide levels, which

he attributed to daily activities such as driving, air conditioning and high energy consumption. He requested the residents of Ahmedabad to plant trees in their society, nearby vacant plots and in schools.

Shri Shah said that every resident of Ahmedabad must make it a point to plant a tree. He said, "Irrespective of the fact that the municipal corporation is busy building oxygen parks and Miyawaki forests, it is still imperative for citizens to join hands in tree plantation drives. In our lifetime, we should plant many trees in order to produce the same amount of oxygen as the carbon dioxide we emit".

The Union Home Minister highlighted the symbolic nature of tree planting, particularly through the 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' campaign initiated by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. He urged citizens to plant trees in honour of their mothers, reinforcing the cultural significance of plantation drives as a gesture of gratitude. "The 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' is not just a slogan, it is a people's movement. There is no better



Shri Amit Shah plants a sapling on the BSF campus in Indore as part of the 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' campaign.



Shri Amit Shah takes part in a tree plantation drive in Ahmedabad.

way or gesture to express gratitude to our mothers," Shri Shah said. He said that all of us must consider it our responsibility to plant a tree. "Such work should be encouraged and we must treat each sapling like a child until it reaches our height", he added.

Earlier, the Union Home Minister had launched a massive tree plantation drive by planting 11 lakh saplings in a single day under the 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' campaign at the Border Security Force (BSF) campus in Indore, Madhya Pradesh on July 14. With this initiative, Indore had successfully made a world record for the most saplings planted in one day.

Under the leadership of the Union Home Minister Shri Shah, crores of saplings have been planted across the country by the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) personnel. The CAPFs have planted 5.2 crore saplings in a three-year time period from 2020 to 2023 and by the end of this year, another one crore saplings will be planted across the nation.

Under Prime Minister Shri Modi's leadership, several initiatives have been started to safeguard

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the environment. A 20% ethanol blending in petrol and diesel has been approved. The Prime Minister launched the Galvanising Organic Bio-Agro Resources Dhan (GOBARDhan) scheme in April 2018 as part of the Solid and Liquid Waste Management component of the Swachh Bharat Mission. He also established the National Adaptation Fund for Climate Change in 2015 to take proactive measures in protecting the environment. ■

Gandhinagar Goes Green

- A total of 28,39,831 saplings has been planted in the year 2023-24. A target of planting nearly 67 lakh saplings has been set in the year 2024-25, out of which about 54 lakh saplings were planted till August 31, 2024.
- The tree density in Gandhinagar, Gujarat, under the Forest Department during 2014-19 was 59.19 trees per hectare. It increased to 64.03 trees per hectare from the period between 2019-2023.
- An estimated total of 17 lakh saplings distributed free of cost in 2024-25.
- A total of 13,200 saplings have been planted along 12 roads passing through Kalol and Gandhinagar in 2022-23 and 2023-24.

BPR&D's Role Crucial in Modernisation of Police Forces, Says Union Home Secretary



The Union Home Secretary, Shri Govind Mohan, with Intelligence Bureau Director Shri Tapan Kumar Deka and Director General of BPR&D Shri Rajeev Kumar Sharma at the launch of the special issue of Indian Police Journal on New Criminal Laws during the BPR&D Foundation Day celebrations.

The Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D) celebrated its 54th Foundation Day at its New Delhi headquarters on August 28. The Union Home Secretary, Shri Govind Mohan, who was the chief guest at the event, highlighted the Bureau's distinctive role in being the sole Central Police Organisation that links all other police organisations.

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The Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D) under the Ministry of Home Affairs, plays a pivotal role in shaping Indian policing through its focus on research, innovation and reform. Its efforts are crucial in modernising the police forces across the country, improving training programmes and addressing evolving challenges.

At the 54th Foundation Day of the BPR&D, held at its headquarters in New Delhi on August 28, the Union Home Secretary, Shri Govind Mohan, praised it for its significant work and reforms in police research and development. Shri Mohan delivered the Dr Anandswarup Gupta Memorial Lecture on the topic

“New Criminal Laws – Citizen-Centric Reforms.”

BPR&D was established in 1970 under the leadership of its founder director, Dr Anandswarup Gupta. A highly decorated officer from the 1939 batch of the Indian Police, he was renowned for his extensive experience and understanding of police operations.

While referring to the important role of organisation in police reforms, Shri Mohan stated that under the directions of the Union Home Minister, Shri Amit Shah, BPR&D took up the multi-faceted challenge of designing, executing and providing training and publicity on the New Criminal Laws.

Highlighting the key features of the three new criminal laws, Shri Mohan said that many new provisions such as emphasis on tackling offences against women and children, greater scientific approach

towards evidence gathering and processing have been introduced. He said that the new criminal laws are designed to be victim-centred and focus on delivering justice rather than merely administering punishment.

The Union Home Secretary also mentioned citizen-friendly initiatives, including zero-FIR and e-FIR, the introduction of community service as a new form of punishment and a more lenient approach toward first-time offenders. He noted that these laws include increased use of forensic science, digitisation of the entire investigation process and improvements in transparency, accountability and timely redressal of issues. He emphasised that the role of BPR&D has become increasingly vital in view of the emergence of new types of crimes.

“It is a matter of happiness that the Bureau is expanding to meet the needs of the times: a new Central Detective Training Institute (CDTI) at Bengaluru has been established and has become operational. This new unit, which will be a Centre of Excellence for SMART Policing and Urban Policing, will surely give impetus to BPR&D for imparting capacity building programmes to the law enforcement agencies based in the southern part of the country. Another CDTI at Agartala will also be made functional, which will provide much-needed impetus to capacity building in the far-flung Northeast, and also add value with its focus on cross-border crimes,” Shri Mohan said.

The Union Home Secretary noted that BPR&D's other outlying units at Central Academy for Police Training (CAPT) Bhopal and the CDTIs at Chandigarh, Ghaziabad, Jaipur, Hyderabad and Kolkata have been providing excellent training programmes to police forces on various policing areas such as traffic techniques, correctional administration, study of present-day crimes, organised crime, cybercrime, community policing, investigation of crimes against women and children, capacity building and prosecution.

“Massive efforts have been made towards areas of training, knowledge and understanding of the laws. All of this brings a sense of deep satisfaction to me and my colleagues at the Ministry and I believe that we have a vibrant organisation in the form of BPR&D, which is always ready to deliver the requirements of the Ministry, in the most professional manner,” Shri Mohan added.

Shri Mohan indicated that the Union Home Ministry is exploring a special arrangement to safeguard doctors



The three new criminal laws, brought under the guidance of the Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah, are victim-centric and their main purpose is to give justice, and not punishment.

Shri Govind Mohan
Union Home Secretary



The Union Home Secretary, Shri Govind Mohan, arrives at the BPR&D headquarters.

and medical students.

The Union Home Secretary stated that effective policing, strong law and order and impactful action against criminals are essential for making India the world's third-largest economy.

The Union Home Secretary also honoured the recipients of the President's Medal for Distinguished Service (PSM) and President's Medal for Meritorious Service (MSM) for 2023-24.

Earlier, during the welcome address, the Director General of the BPR&D, Shri Rajeev Kumar Sharma, expressed his gratitude to Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah for his continued support and guidance. He highlighted that over the past year, BPR&D has launched several important initiatives.

Shri Sharma informed that the National Police Mission (NPM) Division of the BPR&D has completed 66 projects and 17 standard operating procedures (SOPs) under various Micro Missions, covering themes of community policing, police image and perception management, proactive policing, visualising future challenges, gender issues and communication and technology. In line with the directives of the 42nd Parliamentary Standing Committee, the NPM Division has developed a Model FIR for NDPS-related cases, along with accompanying SOPs and guidelines, he added. The Training Division has also developed SOPs, e-modules, a booklet for station house officers (SHOs) and a comparison summary of the old and new

criminal laws, among other resources. It has been coordinating the efforts of the Inter Ministerial Group for the publicity of the new criminal laws, and with the establishment of a Project Monitoring Agency, the Bureau headquarters now hosts a 24*7 National Control Room for the new laws, along with various other initiatives. The Union Home Secretary unveiled a special edition of the Indian Police Journal, which is brought out by the SPD Division, focusing on the New Criminal Laws.

Shri Sharma said, "As on date, the BPR&D has successfully organised more than 300 courses on the criminal laws. Through these efforts, we have directly provided training to about 27,000 police personnel, about 4,500 prison officials, 3,500 prosecutors, nearly 2,700 judicial officers, about 2,000 forensic experts and more than 9,000 officers from the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs)."

The event was attended by senior officials from various Central Police Organisations, including Shri Tapan Kumar Deka, Director of Intelligence Bureau (IB), Deputy NSA Shri Pankaj Kumar Singh, the Director Generals of CRPF, BSF, ITBP, NDRF, RPF, NHRC, NTRO; the Director, NIA; the Director, NCRB; Commissioner of Police Delhi; DG (Awards) MHA; former Director Generals of BPR&D; family members of Founder Director Dr Anandswarup Gupta; State Nodal Officers entrusted with monitoring implementation of the New Criminal Laws in the States/ UTs; and Training Heads of States/ UTs Police Training Institutions. ■



Highlighting the emergence of new types of crimes, the Union Home Secretary Shri Govind Mohan, emphasised that the role of the BPR&D has become increasingly vital.

Growth & Patriotism: Dual Focus for National Progress



The Union Ministers of State for Home, Shri Nityanand Rai and Shri Bandi Sanjay Kumar attended a review meeting of the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs). Sharing the details and photos of the meeting on the social media platform X on August 13, Shri Kumar said that under the leadership of the Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah, our forces are performing exceptionally well in safeguarding the nation.

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The Tiranga Yatra in Jammu and Kashmir, held on August 12, signified a vibrant celebration of national pride and unity, showcasing the enduring spirit of patriotism and national integration. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi endorsed the Tiranga Yatra on the social media platform X, retweeting a post by Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha. He highlighted that the sentiment of the Tiranga Yatra among the people of Jammu and Kashmir is motivating for everyone.

The Union Minister of State for Home, Shri Nityanand Rai, also retweeted the post by Shri Sinha, saying the Tiranga Yatra in the Union Territory is elevating the spirit of patriotism to new heights. He urged everyone to take part in the 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign and share their selfies with the Tiranga at <http://HarGharTiranga.com>.

The Union Ministers of State for Home, Shri Bandi

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As part of the 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign, Shri Kumar took part in a Tiranga Yatra in Karimnagar, Telangana on August 12. He also encouraged citizens to be a part of this programme. On August 11, he attended a 'Freshers' Day' event in Karimnagar, organised by the Delhi Defence Academy. He spoke highly of the students' dedication in pursuing careers in the Army, Navy and Air Force, noting their commitment as a significant source of inspiration. On August 2, he attended the 'Governors-2024' conference at the Rashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi, which was chaired by President Smt Droupadi Murmu. ■

A Blueprint for a Secure and Developed Nation

The Union Budget 2024-25 is a testament to the Union Government's commitment to elevating India's infrastructure and positioning the nation alongside the world's most developed countries. Far from being a mere compilation of figures, this budget embodies the aspirations and ambitions of a rising India.

Guided by the vision of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, the budget presented by Union Finance Minister Smt Nirmala Sitharaman, articulates a focused and forward-looking agenda with nine key priorities designed to create ample opportunities for every citizen, propelling the nation towards the goal of becoming a developed nation. These priorities span across critical sectors, with the aim of enhancing productivity and resilience in agriculture, fostering employment and skills, promoting inclusive human resource development and social justice, advancing manufacturing and services, driving urban development, ensuring energy security, expanding infrastructure, encouraging innovation and research and implementing next-generation reforms.

Particularly noteworthy are the substantial announcements made for the infrastructure sector, which serve as the cornerstone of the budget. For the fiscal year 2024-25, a substantial allocation of ₹11,11,111 crore, amounting to 3.4% of the GDP, has been dedicated to capital expenditure. This bold investment will lay the foundation for sustained economic growth, ensuring that India's infrastructure not only meets the current demands but is also future-ready, aligning with the nation's broader development objectives.

While robust infrastructure is crucial for India's journey towards becoming a prosperous nation, national security remains an indispensable pillar for realising the vision of a fully self-reliant India. The budget has prioritised both and ₹2,19,643.31 crore has been allocated to the Union Home Ministry, with a major emphasis towards Central police forces responsible for internal security and border protection. The focus on enhancing resources and infrastructure for police forces includes investments in modernisation, cybersecurity, women's safety and forensic science capabilities. This will not only fortify national security, but also foster a safer environment for citizens, particularly women.

The budget has seen a substantial allocation of ₹96,950.12 crore for the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs), marking a step towards strengthening India's internal security. This financial commitment covers the



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administrative expenses of Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), National Security Guard (NSG), Border Security Force (BSF), Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP), Central Industrial Security Force (CISF), Assam Rifles, and Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB). Beyond administrative needs, the allocation is designed to modernise the forces by upgrading infrastructure, machinery, equipment and motor vehicles—vital for enhancing counter-terrorism efforts,

insurgency management and securing the nation's borders.

It has also prioritised intelligence agencies, recognising their critical role in safeguarding national security. The Intelligence Bureau (IB) has been allocated ₹3,823.83 crore to boost its operational capabilities, while ₹198.53 crore has been set aside for the National Intelligence Grid (NATGRID). The NATGRID plays a critical role in linking databases to combat terrorism, facilitating swift and coordinated responses to internal security threats. Moreover, ₹3,756.51 crore has been earmarked for strengthening border infrastructure, with a particular focus on enhancing surveillance and security along the borders.

Women's safety continues to be a cornerstone of the Union Government's agenda, underscored by the allocation of ₹1,105 crore for initiatives aimed at protecting women and children. This funding bolsters the Nirbhaya Fund and supports crucial programmes such as Cybercrime Prevention against Women and Children, the establishment of women helpdesks and the reinforcement of Anti-Human Trafficking units. In addition, the budget allocation will significantly enhance forensic science capabilities, with upgrades planned for Central Forensic Science Laboratories (CFSLS) and the creation of a National Forensic Data Centre.

The budget emphasises key drivers of growth, such as employment, youth empowerment and green energy. Energy security and sustainability are central to national progress, with the PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana set to provide free electricity—up to 300 units per month—to one crore households through rooftop solar installations. This initiative aligns with the Union Government's broader commitment to green energy, supported by investments in solar, wind, and hydropower projects.

This budget is a key milestone on the journey towards realising the vision of a 'Developed India'. The schemes and policies outlined are designed not only to fortify the nation's infrastructure, but also to drive India closer to becoming the nation we aspire it to be.■

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The Border Security Force (BSF) launched an 'All Women Mountaineering Expedition' to Mount Mukut (7,130 metres) in Uttarakhand on August 5. Mount Mukut is one of the most challenging peaks in the eastern Garhwal region of the Himalayas.

To encourage environmental protection, the 22nd Battalion of the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP), in collaboration with the Forest Department, took part in a tree plantation drive at Mehrauli in New Delhi, on August 6.



Personnel from the ASG Calicut unit of the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) voluntarily contributed relief materials to people affected by the landslides in Wayanad, Kerala. The relief materials were handed over to the District Collector at the Meppadi relief camp in Wayanad.

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Under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji, India has seen a golden era of infrastructure development in the last 10 years. The Union Budget 2024-25 further advances this vision with a comprehensive initiative for infrastructure building.



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