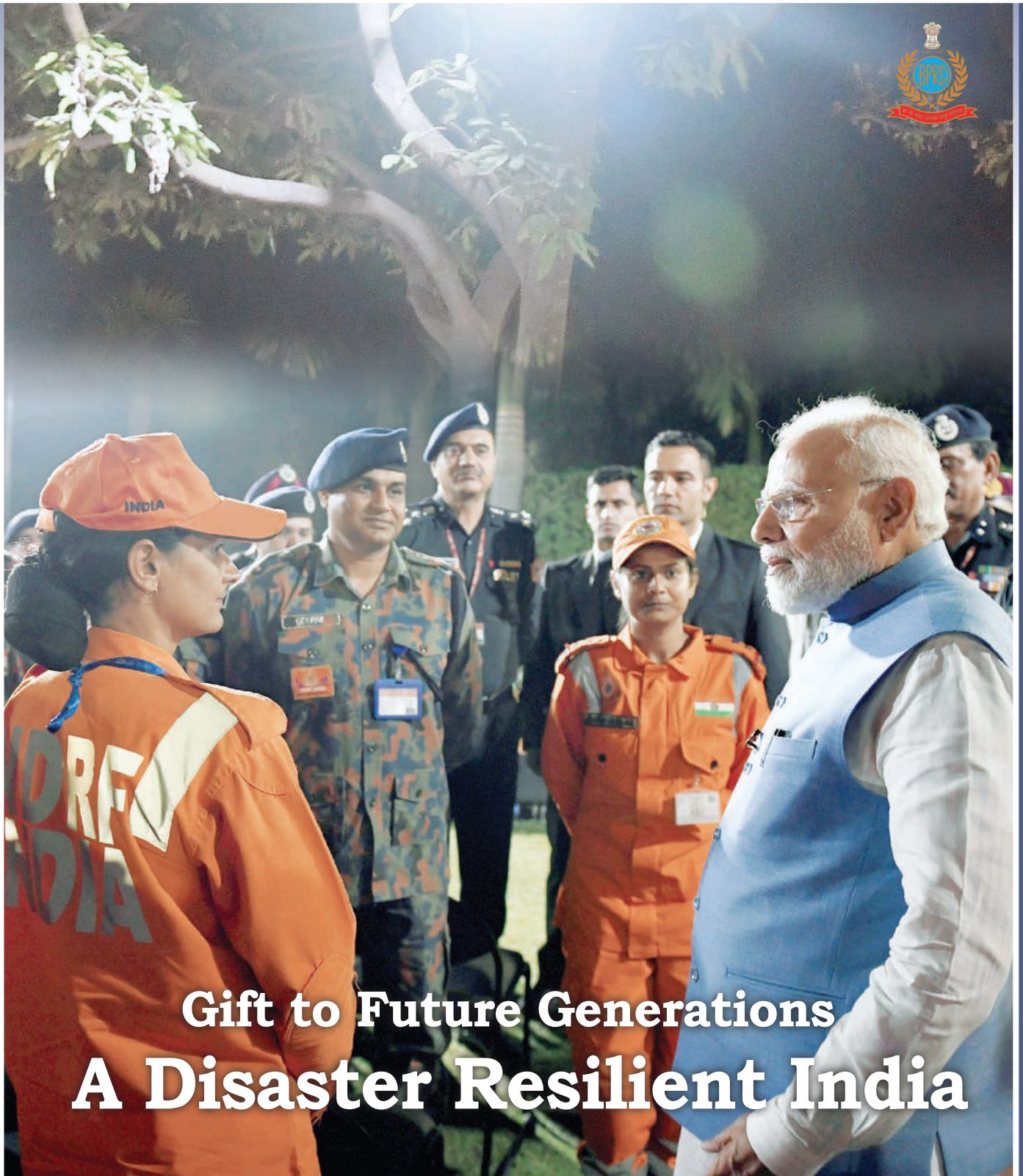


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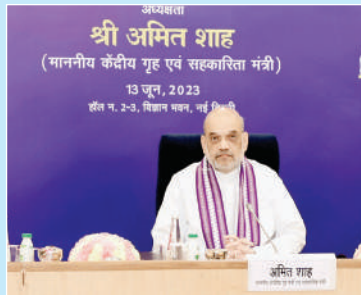
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Prime Minister Narendra Modi believes that mitigating disasters requires cooperation from all quarters, most importantly through a unified response. At the same time, he also thinks that reforms can create a system that reduces the potential risk of natural disasters.

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Disasters strike unexpectedly, often driven by natural forces beyond human control. We cannot fight Nature to prevent disasters, but with intelligence, alertness, and preparedness, we can certainly minimize their adverse impact.

The loss of life and property can be mitigated, and relief and rescue operations can be optimized to eliminate disastrous consequences. In recent years, the Government has initiated several measures towards this end.

Upgrading rescue equipment and incorporating the latest technology into disaster management are among the key initiatives taken by the Government. That is why our disaster management forces are earning accolades for India, both nationally and internationally.

Earlier this year, Indian disaster management teams received widespread acclaim in earthquake-hit Turkey and Syria. The Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, and the Hon'ble Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah, also highly commended the efforts of the personnel involved in these two countries, including those from the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF).

Recently, devastating natural disasters struck the hill states of Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand. Many buildings collapsed like houses of cards, resulting in significant loss of life and property.

The fury of cyclones in India's coastal regions has also become a regular phenomenon, requiring intense rescue and relief operations. The NDRF and the State Disaster Response Forces (SDRF) have shown excellent coordination in handling such incidents.

There have been numerous incidents, such as the tunnel collapse in Bilaspur, Himachal Pradesh in 2015; cloudbursts in various regions of Uttarakhand, including Kedarnath, and devastating floods in states such as Bihar, West Bengal, Odisha, and Assam. Every time, the general public turns to the disaster rescue forces for assistance.

With its high level of preparedness, alertness, and excellent strategy, the NDRF has become the paramount force in disaster management. Currently, it has 16 battalions, each comprising 45 personnel, including engineers, technicians, electricians, dog squads, doctors and paramedics, making up 18 specialized search and rescue teams.

All the 16 battalions are equipped and trained to handle both natural and man-made disasters. They are also specially trained and equipped for tackling emergencies emanating from volcanic eruptions, heavy snowfalls and chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear (CBRN) situations.

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Jai Hind!



भारत को उन बहादुर सेवानिवृत्त सैनिकों पर गर्व है, जिन्होंने सेवा में रहते हुए हमारे देश की रक्षा की है। उनके लिए अधिक सुविधाओं के साथ लागू की गई कल्याणकारी योजनाओं से उनके जीवन स्तर में काफी हद तक सुधार होगा।



श्री नरेन्द्र मोदी, प्रधानमंत्री



प्रधानमंत्री, श्री नरेन्द्र मोदी जी के नेतृत्व में जम्मू-कश्मीर शांति की राह पर चल पड़ा है। पिछले 9 वर्षों में आतंकी घटनाओं में करीब 70% की कमी और अनुच्छेद-370 हटने के बाद पत्थरबाजी की घटनाओं में 90% की कमी आई है।



**श्री नित्यानंद राय
केंद्रीय गृह राज्य मंत्री**



हिमाचल प्रदेश के विभिन्न स्थानों पर भारी वर्षा और भूस्खलन से हुई जनहानि अत्यंत दुःखद है। एनडीआरएफ की टीमों स्थानीय प्रशासन के साथ राहत व बचाव कार्यों में लगी हैं। शोक संतप्त परिवारों के प्रति गहरी संवेदना व्यक्त करता हूँ।



**श्री अजय मिश्रा
केंद्रीय गृह राज्य मंत्री**



भारतीय न्याय संहिता बिल, भारतीय साक्ष्य बिल और भारतीय नागरिक सुरक्षा बिल में किए गए बदलाव से देश के क्रिमिनल जस्टिस सिस्टम में सकारात्मक परिवर्तन होगा और पीड़ितों को अधिक से अधिक 3 साल के अंदर पूर्ण न्याय मिल सकेगा।



**श्री अमित शाह
केंद्रीय गृह एवं सहकारिता मंत्री**



Cometh the hour, cometh the man! Kudos to #MenInBlue for pulling off a historic win in the #AsianChampionsTrophy in Hockey. A cracker of a final to clinch the title for a record 4th time. Your performance has earned the adulation of every Indian. Jai Hind



**Shri Nisith Pramanik
Union Minister of State for Home Affairs**



Get quick assistance in times of distress through 112 Emergency Response Support System. Emergency Response Vehicle (ERV) reaches the spot of the emergency within no time and takes quick action to save lives and provide the all assistance to ensure safety.



Union Home Ministry



Gift to Future Generations A Disaster Resilient India

We may not have the power to prevent natural disasters, but through improved strategies and systems, we can certainly mitigate their impact

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Over the past nine years, initiatives led by Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi have led to changes in the approach to disaster risk reduction, with improvements in early warning systems, proactive prevention, mitigation, and pre-preparedness-based approaches. These changes have yielded positive results and have reduced human loss due to disasters to almost zero. As a matter of fact, Gujarat was the first state to introduce a State Disaster Management Act in 2001, right after the Kutch earthquake. Taking a cue from the state, the Central Government at that time implemented the National Disaster Management Act, 2005. Subsequently, the National Disaster Management

Authority was established. In 2021, a National Disaster Mitigation Fund was also created with a corpus of ₹13,700 crore from the Centre and an additional ₹32,000 crore from the states. With a view to share experiences with the world, India created a 'Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure' with more than 100 countries.

Traditionally, disaster relief was the domain of agricultural departments, symbolizing the intertwined relationship between man, land, and nature's unpredictable behavior. In older times, local calamities, such as earthquakes, were addressed with community participation and indigenous resources. However, in today's interconnected world, Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi pointed out the necessity to draw from global experiences while acknowledging the rise in frequency and intensity of such calamities.

Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi's 10-Point Agenda for Disaster Management

- All development sectors must imbibe the principles of disaster risk management.
- Risk coverage must include all, starting from poor households to SMEs to multi-national corporations to nation states.
- Women's leadership and their greater involvement should be central to disaster risk management.
- Invest in risk mapping globally to improve global understanding of nature and disaster risks.
- Leverage technology to enhance the efficiency of disaster risk management efforts.
- Develop a network of universities to work on disaster-related issues.
- Utilise the opportunities provided by social media and mobile technologies for disaster risk reduction.
- Build on local capacity and initiative to enhance disaster risk reduction.
- Make use of every opportunity to learn from disasters and, to achieve that, study the lessons after every disaster.
- Bring about greater cohesion in international response to disasters.



Drawing parallels between the evolution of healthcare and disaster management, Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi stressed the need for specialized systems tailored to tackle disasters. He emphasized that the pillars of disaster management today are 'Recognition' and 'Reform'. Recognizing future threats and continuously reforming management strategies will determine India's resilience.

In that way, disaster management did not remain a domain of the states. It became a national problem even if it has affected one part of the country. So, India's journey from a state-level to a national framework for disaster management is noteworthy.

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi's vision for the future resonates with two distinct themes. Firstly, the accentuation of community participation in disaster management, for which he advised to create local capacities to combat disasters. He put forward the idea of local resilience through local participation, aided by community organizations like 'Yuvak Mandals' and 'Sakhi Mandals'. Secondly, harnessing modern technology for real-time monitoring and proactive

disaster response. Whether it is fire preparedness in hospitals, devising strategies for urban firefighting, or exploring AI and IoT for ambulance networks, technological interventions brought in quick and best results.

When Prime Minister Narendra Modi took over the leadership of the Union government, he shifted disaster management to the domain of the Union Home Ministry in place of the Agriculture Ministry, because the relief, rehabilitation and preparedness needed much more coordination than the Agriculture Ministry could manage.

On March 10, 2023, Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated the third session of the National Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction (NPDRR) in New Delhi. The main theme of the third session of this platform was 'Ensuring Resilience at the Local Level in a Changing Climate.' NPDRR is a multi-stakeholder platform established by the Government of India to share dialogue, experiences, ideas, action-oriented research, and to identify opportunities in the field of disaster risk reduction.

Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi spoke about the use of



technology for real-time registration and monitoring systems. He said that the move would help in actively taking steps concerning the durability of homes, drainage, and the flexibility of basic infrastructure like electricity and water. At the end of his address, Prime Minister Shri Modi highlighted that India also promptly responded to disasters happening worldwide and took initiatives for strong infrastructure. He mentioned how India formed the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure with more and more countries willing to work together. Concluding his speech, he said that tradition and technology are India's strengths, which would not only prepare the best model related to disaster resilience for India but also for the entire world.

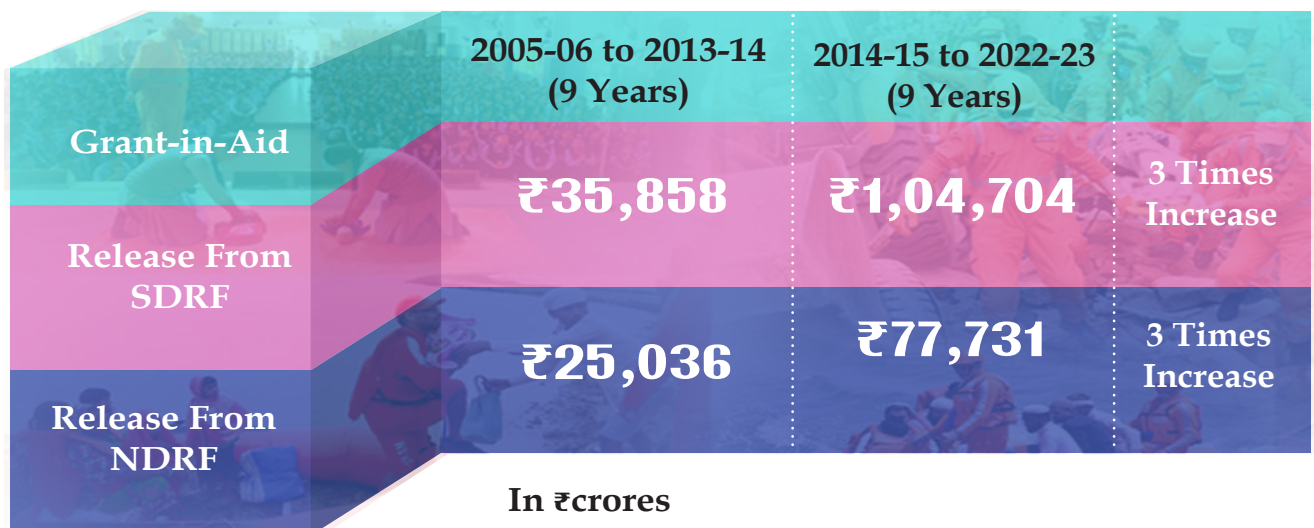
On the international stage, India is not only absorbing best practices but also sharing its expertise with the world. India's proactive stance on global disaster management is evident in its leadership that in times of disasters, India has sent many search, rescue, relief and rehabilitation teams to different countries. Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi suggested the fusion of tradition and technology as the cornerstone for creating a resilient disaster management model, not just for India but for the world. Thus, India's approach to disaster management showcases an evolution —an inspiring journey from local solutions to national strategies.

National Disaster Management Plan

Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi unveiled the National Disaster Management Plan in 2016. This resulted in an impressive boost to disaster management activities. According to this plan disaster management included an integrated approach of alertness, caution, relief, protection, and rehabilitation. On the Prime Minister's

Bolstering Disaster Preparedness

- Between 2014 to 2023 fund allocation to SDRF tripled in comparison to 2005 to 2014. In 2014 to 2023, ₹1,04,704 crore was released, while between 2005 to 2014 only ₹35,858 crore was provided.
- In the same period, funds to NDRF too has almost increased threefold from ₹ 25,036 crore, to ₹77,731 crore.
- Earlier, the India Meteorological Department used to give three days advance forecast of rainfall and flood. Now it is given in 5 days in advance.
- 7 upcoming nuclear power plant sites have been inspected by National Disaster Management Authority across the States to enforce strict protocols to rescue people in case of emergency.
- Directions were given to all states to adopt the Model Fire Bill.
- 220 crore free Corona vaccines administered, food arranged for crores of people, brought back lakhs of labourers to their hometowns and made arrangements to address their concerns through Direct Benefit Transfer.
- Set a target of training around one lakh youth volunteers in 350 high-risk disaster prone districts.
- Inter Ministerial Central teams were sent 73 times in the last four years.
- National Disaster Mitigation Fund was constituted under the Central Government with ₹16,700 crore and under SDMF ₹32,000 crore has been kept for mitigation activities.



guidance, an IDRN (India Disaster Resource Network) was created, which is a nationwide electronic list.

A Disaster Friend Scheme was established and implemented in 350 multi-hazard-prone districts with a goal to train more than one lakh young volunteers who will be insured by the government. The Disaster Friend Scheme was approved with a total expenditure of ₹369.41 crore. A Common Alerting Protocol (CAP) started in March 2021 with an expenditure of ₹354 crore to provide immediate geographically-based alerts related to emergencies and disasters via mobile phones. In another initiative, the National Disaster Management Information System (NDMIS) portal was also launched to gather field-specific data on disaster damages and to monitor progress on various indicators under the four (04) targets of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (SFDRR). It is a comprehensive online module for this purpose. For disaster emergency situations, an approval was granted to the 'Dial 112' Emergency Response Support System (ERSS) with an expenditure of ₹41 crore. India Universities and Institutions Network for Disaster Risk Reduction (IUIIN-DRR-NIDM) was also established with, so far, 251 universities on board. Among other international initiatives, an Asian Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction (AMCDRR) was organised in New Delhi

during November 2016.

The NDRF is also working towards gaining global recognition from INSARAG (International Search & Rescue Advisory Group) in compliance with the United Nations standards for international disaster rescue. This recognition will enable the force to conduct search and rescue operations based on mandatory international standards of the United Nations.

Mobile Applications were also launched that included Mausam (Weather), for general public use, it provides daily weather information, forecasts, cyclones, heavy rain, heatwaves, cold waves, and severe weather warnings, Meghdoot app for farmers to manage agriculture based on weather forecasts, Damini, for lightning warnings and a special app for crowdsourcing weather information. In recent times, under the provisions of the Disaster Management Act, nearly 32 Hazard-Specific guidelines have been made for disasters like COVID-19 pandemic. Of these, 8 guidelines were formulated in the last 4 years that included: • Cold Wave and Frost, • Protection from Earthquakes, • House Owner's Guide to Cooling the Roof • Glacial Lake Outburst Flood (GLOF), • Heat Wave Guidelines as well as an Action Plan, • Landslide Risk, • Disability-Inclusive Disaster Risk Reduction, • Temporary Shelter for Disaster-Affected Families. ■

Strengthening CBRN Preparedness

The National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) has launched key initiatives to enhance readiness for Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear (CBRN) threats. These projects equip police and other security forces with Mobile Radiation Detection Systems, specialized gear, and training for managing nuclear emergencies. The initiatives aim to secure public areas against potential radiological threats. Staff at major airports and seaports have also received CBRN management training following a gap analysis by the NDMA, with plans to extend this training to additional ports. District Disaster Management Plans (DDMPs) in regions with nuclear power plants are being updated for uniformity and detail. In 2019, a specialized manual on the medical management of nuclear and radiological emergencies was published, serving as a comprehensive guide for emergency medical response. In a parallel effort, the Medical Branch of the Headquarters Integrated Defence Staff organized a workshop on CBRN medical management from February 7 to 10, 2023, at the Army Hospital (Research & Referral). The workshop trained 60 officers from the Armed Forces Medical Services and the National Disaster Response Force. The primary objectives were to train participants in delivering first aid during CBRN events and in managing long-term care for those exposed to CBRN elements. The workshop featured a range of training modules, including lectures on CBRN threats and management, demonstrations of CBRN exercises, and hands-on training with CBRN equipment. Experts from notable institutions like the Armed Forces Medical College and the Institute of Nuclear Medicine led the sessions.



Moving India's Disaster Policy Towards Zero Casualty

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At the national level, disaster management is the domain of the Union Home Ministry under Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation. Throwing light on disaster management, Union Home Minister, Shri Amit Shah, in a consultative committee meeting on 13th June, 2023, articulated the transformation in the disaster management landscape. He said that India, once considered a predominantly disaster-prone nation, has shifted its approach from being relief-centric to a more comprehensive strategy. This strategy encompasses early warning, proactive prevention, and disaster risk reduction. Such a shift in the disaster management approach has resulted in minimizing both human and property loss in the face of disasters.

In the past 8 years, the budget allocated for disaster management has surged by 122%. This is indicative of the priority given to this crucial area. This proactive stance on disaster management and climate change has been a hallmark of the government.

Shri Shah also emphasized the significance of public participation at the grassroots level through initiatives like

The nature of the disasters has changed and their frequency and intensity have also increased. For this reason we have to sharpen and broaden our preparedness to deal with them.

Shri Amit Shah, Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation

the Aapda Mitra Yojana. He stressed that the true spirit of disaster management is only achieved when the local populace is actively involved.

Shri Shah also informed the members that in case of calamities, immediate assistance is now dispatched to states without awaiting formal requests. Notably, mitigation funds have been instituted at both the national and state levels for the first time. The NDRF continues to be augmented and modernized, offering more expansive coverage.

Shri Shah also shed light on pivotal projects in disaster management. Notably, the National Cyclone Risk Mitigation

After the Ministry of Home Affairs took over the responsibility of disaster management, it collaborated with institutions like the National Disaster Management Authority and the National Disaster Relief Force as well as with local people and increased the budget for disaster management. This was to ensure that states and Union Territories received essential logistical and financial support during natural calamities.

Project (NCRMP) focuses on alleviating the hardships faced by coastal communities with a dedicated budget of ₹4903 crore. Concurrently, the 'Aapda Mitra' scheme aims to train 1 lakh community volunteers in disaster-prone districts.

As a matter of fact, the proactive efforts of the government have dramatically reduced losses from disasters. The stark contrast between the tragic loss of around 10,000 lives in the 1999 super cyclone in Odisha and the minimal casualties in recent cyclones attests to this progress.

Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah lauded the government's creation of a pre-disaster preparedness protocol and voiced the idea of incorporating disaster management into educational curriculums for higher awareness. In this connection, the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) Academy's foundation stone was laid by Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah on 2nd January 2020, in Nagpur.

The Ministry of Home Affairs remains in continuous dialogue with the states regarding disaster management. Discussions have also been ongoing with disaster relief workers. In this regard, on 5th August 2023, Shri Shah reviewed disaster management in Odisha during a meeting in Bhubaneswar. He suggested that the state should provide multi-disaster training to disaster friends and disaster warriors, especially for dealing with chemical and nuclear disasters and other disasters that occur without warning. He also advocated that home guard volunteers should be strengthened and trained in disaster response. In addition, a regular budget should be allocated for the maintenance of multipurpose cyclone shelters established in the state.

The Home Minister emphasized the need for the state administration to adopt standard operating procedures and to make appropriate preparations and efforts to save lives from extreme heat and forest fires. He also stressed

Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah on 13th June 2023 announced three major schemes worth more than ₹8000 crore for disaster management in the country

- ₹5,000 crore project to expand and modernize fire services across the states.
- ₹2,500-crore project to reduce the risk of urban flooding in the seven most populous cities—Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata, Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Ahmedabad and Pune.
- ₹825 crore National Landslide Risk Mitigation Project for Landslide Mitigation for 17 states and Union Territories.

the need to pay attention to the safety of animals during disasters.

Many states are hit by disasters from time to time. To ensure better coordination between each state and the central government and to make quick assistance available, the Ministry of Home Affairs convened a high-level meeting in New Delhi with state disaster management ministers. The meeting was chaired by Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah. The main objective of the meeting was to further strengthen the disaster risk reduction system in the country under Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi's Vision@2047, aimed at making India disaster-resistant.

During the meeting, discussions were held on topics related to disaster preparedness, mitigation, response, the safety of nuclear power plants, early warning and broadcasting systems, the use of mitigation funds, the establishment and strengthening of State Disaster Response Forces (SDRF), State Disaster Management Authorities (SDMA) and District Disaster Management Authorities (DDMA), and encouraging community volunteer service in disaster preparedness, response, and mitigation.

Shri Shah said that the nature of disasters has changed and their frequency and intensity have also increased. He said preparations to tackle disasters must be more flexible and extensive. He also highlighted the fact that ISRO has identified 271 wetlands in the Northeast for flood management. Previously, the IMD sent rain and flood information three days in advance; now, it is sent five days in advance to allow extra time for precaution, the Home Minister added. ■

Operation Dost



India's helping hand in Quake-hit Turkey and Syria

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The earthquake that hit Turkey and Syria was one of the strongest in a century and brought incredible levels of destruction to the region. Conservative estimates put the death toll at over 50,000. The calamity also affected swathes of northern Syria, a region already in dire straits due to years of conflict, including nearly half a decade of Islamic State (ISIS) terrorism.

On 6th February 2023, when the earthquake hit Syria and Turkey within a short time, three truckloads of relief materials were arranged at Hindon airbase. These materials consisted of life-saving emergency medicines and protective items and the consignment was prepared within 12 hours. The trucks started reaching by 10am on 7th February, 2023, and the handover of relief items to the Indian Air Force (IAF) began by 4pm. The last truckload reached by 9:30pm, and the flight carrying emergency relief material departed to Syria on the same night by 10pm for the relief operation.

India was quick to step up when Turkey faced the devastating earthquake.

Leading the charge, the Indian government dispatched the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) to engage in vital relief and rescue operations. Within a mere 24 hours, India set up an army field hospital in Turkey, deploying over 10 doctors and 99 medical staff.

The consignment comprised 5,945 tonnes of emergency relief materials, including 27 life-saving medicines, two types of protective items, and three categories of critical care equipment, valued at approximately ₹2 crore.

On 10th February 2023, a larger quantity of relief materials was arranged for both Turkey and Syria. The consignment for Syria included 72 critical care drugs, consumables, and protective items, totaling 7.3 tonnes and valued at ₹1.4 crore. The relief materials sent to Turkey included 14 types of medical and critical care equipment, valued at ₹4 crore.

The rescue and relief work carried out by the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) in earthquake-devastated Turkey has been widely lauded worldwide. There was a time when India used to seek help and services, but today's India has extended cooperation to a global level. India's capabilities and stature have changed, reflecting the transformation to an empowered country. This illustrates that today, India does not look to the world for help; instead, the world looks to India as a saviour. In the past, India has also extended help to various places, including Nepal, Afghanistan, and Sri Lanka. Notably, in Syria, Libya, Nepal and in Afghanistan, where major powers found it challenging to operate, India, under the leadership of Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, has set an example by following the principle of *Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam*.

The time taken between India's announcement and mobilization of aid for Turkey was quick, as NDRF teams, along with Indian Air Force C-17s, made multiple trips to deliver aid, search teams, set up field hospitals, and so on. During 'Operation Dost,' conducted by the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) in Turkey, the life of a 6-year-old girl was saved. As soon as the video was shared, it went viral. The video depicted NDRF team members rescuing a girl named Beren, from debris during the operation. This video caught the attention of the Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah, who also tweeted about it. In his tweet, he wrote, "We are proud of our NDRF. During the rescue operation in Turkey, Indian soldiers saved the life of a 6-year-old girl, Beren, in the city of Gaziantep. Under PM Modi's guidance, our NDRF is committed to being the world's leading disaster response force." When the 'Operation Dost' team returned to India, Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi on 20th February 2023, remarked that the entire team, whether from NDRF, the military, the air force, or other services, had performed exceptionally well. He noted that even the members of the Dog Squad displayed remarkable capability. India's help in Turkey and Syria was much appreciated in the world and also in both the countries.

In recent years, whenever there is a natural disaster or a major accident, people's hopes invariably rest upon NDRF. As soon as the NDRF team arrives in the affected area with the assistance of the central government, people gain complete confidence that they will be saved. Prime



'Operation Dost' reflects India's dedication to humanity and our commitment to immediately help countries in distress. India is found ready as a first responder wherever there is a disaster in the world. India was the first to come forward to help, be it earthquake in Nepal, crisis in Maldives or Sri Lanka. Now, apart from the country, the trust of other countries is increasing on the Indian forces as well as the NDRF.

Shri Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

Minister, Shri Narendra Modi himself mentioned this. His exemplary words *Aapda Seva Sadaiva Sarvatra* (Service in Disaster Always and Everywhere) reflect the dedication and commitment of NDRF. The way NDRF personnel demonstrate honesty, professionalism, and dedication during their service in times of disaster impresses everyone, making NDRF popular among all.

NDRF was established in 2006. In these 17 years, NDRF has saved the lives of over 1.48 lakh people. Apart from this, the Disaster Relief Force has also rescued more than 7 lakh people stuck in emergency situations in the country and around the world. In 2011, during the earthquake, tsunami, and nuclear reactor disaster (Triple Disaster) in Japan, and in 2015 during the devastating earthquake in neighboring Nepal, NDRF's services earned recognition worldwide. ■



Centre launches Fire Services Scheme to Strengthen States' Capacities

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In a world where fire incidents arise from a myriad of factors, including natural disasters, climate change, and lifestyle-related causes, the need for a robust and responsive fire service has never been more critical. With a view to augment the fire services in India, the government under Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi had been taking proactive measures from time to time.

As the government considers fire services to be part of its disaster management capabilities, the Union Home Minister

and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah recently launched a scheme titled 'Expansion and Modernization of Fire Services in the States' on 4th July 2023. The scheme was recommended by the 15th Finance Commission.

The total outlay of the scheme is an impressive amount of ₹5,000 crore from the Preparedness and Capacity Building Funding Window under the National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF). This outlay is for strengthening fire services in the states for the period up to 2025-26. An amount of ₹500 crore, out of the total outlay has been kept for incentivizing the states on the basis of their legal and infrastructure-based reforms. The outlay was made after consultation with states.

Fund allocation under the scheme is on a cost sharing basis of 75:25 with the states, except the northeastern states where it is in the ratio of 90:10. The Union government is also taking initiatives to modernize and expand the institutions related to fire services in the country.

Under the able guidance of Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, several key initiatives are being taken to ensure 'zero death' and minimum loss of property during disasters by strengthening the disaster risk reduction system in India to make it disaster resilient. The Fire Services Scheme is part of the whole strategy to enable the associated personnel to work effectively. The objective of the scheme is to expand and modernize Fire Services in the States with a view that activities for strengthening of fire services at the State-level through preparedness and capacity-building components of the NDRF will be ensured. ■

- Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah, recently launched a scheme for the expansion and modernization of fire services in the states.
- The scheme recommended by the 15th Finance Commission, was launched on 4th July, 2023. The total outlay of the scheme is ₹5,000 crore.
- The outlay was made after consultation with state governments.
- The measures included in the scheme provide for setting up of new fire stations, provisions for modern firefighting equipment, etc.

Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure India's Initiative for Global Good

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P rime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, during the UN Climate Action Summit 2019 in New York City on 23rd September 2019, unveiled the 'Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure' (CDRI). The coalition is designed to promote the resilience of both existing and new infrastructure systems against climate-related and disaster risks.

The announcement of the CDRI was made in the presence of world leaders, international delegates, government officials, and diplomats from around the globe.

Headquartered in Delhi, the importance of a comprehensive approach encompassing education, values, lifestyle, and development philosophies for the coalition was emphasized by the Prime Minister. He stressed the need for a global movement to bring about behavioral change and advocated for a shift from greed to necessity.

A Glance at India's International Cooperation efforts on Disaster Management

- SAARC Disaster Management Exercise (SADMEX) was held for the first time in India during 23 -26 November, 2015.
- Indo-German Joint Declaration of Intent signed on 5th October, 2015 on cooperation in the field of Disaster Management.
- BRICS Conference on Disaster Management held in Udaipur in 2016.
- Asian Ministerial Conference of 41 Asian and Indo-Pacific countries held on Disaster Risk Reduction (AMCDRR) in 2016 in New Delhi on 3-5 November, 2016. During this conference Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi announced a 10-point agenda on Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR).
- A Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) signed on 12th September, 2017 with Japan for cooperation in the field of Disaster Management.
- Government of India organized a Joint Urban Earthquake Search and Rescue exercise of Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Member States to improve collective preparedness on 4-7 November, 2019 in New Delhi.
- Tenth Meeting, chaired by the Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah, of the Heads of Departments of Member-States of Shanghai Cooperation Organization, dealing with prevention and elimination of



Emergency Situations held in New Delhi on 8th November, 2019. The event was

- MoU signed on 8th October, 2018 with the Government of Republic of Tajikistan on cooperation in the field of Disaster Management.
- MoU on cooperation signed on 20th September, 2019 with the National Emergency Management Agency of Government of Mongolia in the field of Disaster Management & Disaster Risk Reduction.
- The 2nd BIMSTEC Disaster Management Exercise (DMEx)-2020 held on 11-13 February, 2020 at Bhubaneswar and Puri in Odisha.
- India elected as Co-Chair of the Consultative Group (CG) of Global Facility for Disaster Reduction and Recovery (GFDRR) in 2020 and continued for 2021.
- MoU signed on 27th March, 2021 with Bangladesh on Cooperation in the field of Disaster Management.
- MoU signed on 24th June, 2021 with the Department of Civil Protection of the Presidency of the Council of Ministers of the Italian Republic on cooperation in the field of Disaster Risk Reduction & Management.
- MoU signed on 2nd April, 2022 with the Government of Turkmenistan on Cooperation in the field of Disaster Management. ■

Har Ghar Tiranga Captures the Nation's Heart

it was a call to rekindle the spirit of patriotism and reflect on the country's 75-year journey of independence. The essence of this movement was in its name, which translates to "The Tricolour in Every Home." The campaign was announced by Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, on 22nd July 2022, coinciding with the day of adoption of the National Flag, on 22nd July, 1947. In his evocative address, the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi not only remembered those who dreamt of a free India under its unique flag during the colonial period but also underscored the importance of hoisting or displaying the Tricolour in every Indian home, especially between 13th and 15th August.

On the call of Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, the *Har Ghar Tiranga* campaign received unparalleled support nationwide. The country saw flags being hoisted in homes, offices, public places, and even digital arenas, with a remarkable presence on social media.

States, union territories, ministries, NGOs, and Self-Help Groups collaborated seamlessly to hold numerous events at historically significant locations related to the Freedom Struggle, thereby reinforcing a sense of unity and patriotism.

Recognizing the enthusiasm and the emotional connect of the populace with this initiative, the Government took proactive steps to facilitate the widespread availability of the National Flag as post offices began the sale of tricolour. Further collaborations with e-commerce platforms and self-help groups ensured that the flags were accessible to every citizen, irrespective of their location. The *Har Ghar Tiranga* campaign was seamlessly embedded within the broader initiative of *Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav*. Spanning events in 28 States, 8 UTs, and over 150 countries, the Mahotsav has been a grand celebration of India's rich cultural and historic legacy. ■



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The *Har Ghar Tiranga Abhiyan*, an initiative of the Government of India, is intended to inculcate the fervor of patriotism across length and breadth of the country. Aligning with the spirit of *Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav*, this campaign was launched to commemorate 75 years of India's Independence. The movement aims to engender a deep-seated connection and reverence towards the national flag across every household in the country.

The commemoration of 75 years of independence started on 12th March 2021 as a 75-week countdown to 15th August, 2022 and continued till 15th August, 2023. Now we are in *Amrit Kaal* that is *Kartavya Kaal* (Era of Duty) with a vow to become developed nation by 2047, at 100 years of Independence.

In a country known for its diversity and cultural vibrancy, the *Har Ghar Tiranga* campaign emerged as a unique assertion of India's unity. This initiative was more than just a campaign;

Time of Fulfilling Aspirations

PM's Response to No Confidence Motion



This time period of the 21st Century will impact the country for the next thousand years. We all should have a single focus.

Shri Narendra Modi
Prime Minister

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P rime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi on 10th August 2023 replied to the debate in the Lok Sabha on the No Confidence Motion brought out by the joint opposition. After a three-day-long debate in the Lower House, while replying to the volley of questions and allegations, Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, said that the time has come in the life of the nation when it should break free from the old shackles and move forward with new energy and determination. He urged people to think of India's future not just in decades, but in centuries.

"This time period of the 21st Century is a time of fulfilling all our aspirations. Whatever is shaped during this time period will impact the country for the next thousand years. Therefore, we have a huge responsibility, and we should have a single focus: development of the country and full dedication to realizing the dreams of the countrymen," Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi emphasized.

Giving a call against corruption, he said, "We have given the youth of India a government free of scams. We have given them courage and the opportunity to fly in the open sky. We have improved India's standing in the world and have taken it to new heights." Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi mentioned the growth in the start-up ecosystem, record foreign investment, and new peaks of exports. He said that trust has arisen in the heart of the poor to fulfil their dreams. He cited a NITI Aayog report

With a vision for India that transcends political divides, the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi expressed his gratitude towards every Indian for their unwavering trust in the government. The government's unwavering commitment to eliminating poverty, promoting inclusivity, and propelling the nation to global prominence were evident in his words.

which underlined that about 13.5 crore people have come out of poverty.

Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi cited an IMF working paper which states that India has almost eradicated extreme poverty. Quoting an IMF report, he said that the Indian DBT Scheme and other social welfare schemes are a 'logistical marvel'. He also quoted the WHO which states that the *Jal Jeevan Mission* is helping save 4 lakh lives in the country and the *Swachh Bharat Abhiyan* has helped save 3 lakh lives. He also quoted a UNICEF report that the *Swachh Bharat Abhiyan* is helping the poor families of the country save ₹50,000 per year.

Dwelling upon the health of banking and public sectors in the country, he asserted that misinformation should not be tolerated. He said the net profit of the public sector banks

increased two-fold. He also touched upon the banking scam which pushed the country towards an NPA crisis and said that the country has revived itself from this and is now moving forward. He mentioned that Hindustan Aeronautics Limited is touching new heights of success, registering its highest-ever revenue. Throwing light on the criticisms made by the opposition about LIC, he emphasized that LIC is growing stronger each day.

He remarked that in his ongoing term, India is poised to become the third-largest economy in the world. He highlighted how India sank into poverty and was on the verge of bankruptcy in 1991. However, after 2014, India found its place in the top 5 economies of the world. This achievement, he said, was realized through the mantra of 'Reform, Perform, and Transform', accomplished with detailed planning and hard work.

Countering the allegations of the opposition, he explained that campaigns like *Swachh Bharat*, *Jan Dhan Account*, *Yoga*, *Ayurveda*, *Startup India*, *Digital India*, and *Make in India* are bringing transformation from the grassroots.

The Prime Minister highlighted the infiltration of militants in Kashmir during earlier times and mentioned that the then governments would hold peace talks with neighbouring countries even when terrorism continued. He also compared the previous government's policy of liaising with the separatist parties instead of taking the broader Kashmiri populace in confidence.

He mentioned a report by a foreign agency that rated another nation higher than India in certain parameters related to food security. He stressed that such misinformed reports, attempt to defame the country. Drawing a parallel with the Made-in-India Corona vaccine, he noted that the some people initially lacked trust in it, favoring foreign-made vaccines instead. He emphasized that they should trust India's capabilities. He warned against the perils of dynastic politics, reminding listeners that the nation's freedom fighters and founding fathers were staunch opponents of such systems. He cited his government's non-partisan approach towards national stalwarts, pointing out recognitions such as the Statue of Unity dedicated to Sardar Patel, and the *Pradhanmantri Sangrahalaya*, a museum honoring all Prime Ministers.

Using the economic struggles of neighboring countries as a backdrop, he warned against the politics of freebies and stressed that rash promises could be detrimental to the economy and hinder development projects.

Discussing the situation in Manipur, he expressed his distress over the violence, emphasizing that crimes against women are unacceptable. He assured the nation that both the Central and State Governments are committed to ensuring that the guilty are penalized. Offering hope for a peaceful future in Manipur, he reiterated the nation's and Parliament's



I have come to express immense gratitude towards each and every citizen of India for repeatedly showing their trust in the government.

Shri Narendra Modi
Prime Minister

Key Highlights

Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi on Manipur

- There will be peace in Manipur and it will march on the path of development.
- Crimes against women are unacceptable and the Central Government and the State Government will work together to ensure the guilty are punished.
- I assure the people—the mothers and daughters of Manipur—that the nation and the House stands with them.
- The Government will leave no stone unturned so that Manipur gets back on the road to normalcy.

unwavering support, assuring that no effort will be spared in steering Manipur back on the path of development. Expressing his deep connection with the Northeast, he shared that in the current government, Ministers have stayed overnight in various district headquarters of the Northeast 400 times, and he himself had visited the region 50 times. "Even before becoming PM, I traveled extensively across the region," he reminisced. ■



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Under the 9-year leadership of the Union Government led by Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, the country has made significant strides forward. This progress was elaborated upon by the Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah. While emphasizing the government's achievements, Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Shah responded to concerns raised by members of Lok Sabha on matters of security, stability, and other pertinent issues during the debate on the No-Confidence Motion brought by joint opposition. In his address, Union Home Minister Shri Shah further outlined the future initiatives under *Amrit Kaal*, which Prime Minister Narendra Modi has delineated as the nation's roadmap towards becoming a developed country by 2047.

Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah stated that the government, under the leadership of Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, has instilled renewed hope in the lives of people of India. The people have shown immense confidence, electing a stable government with a full majority for two consecutive terms. Surveys globally acknowledge Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi as one of the most popular Prime Ministers of India post-independence. His dedication is evident as he works 17 hours a day, traversing every state of the country, engaging

Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi's dedication is evident as he works 17 hours a day, traversing every state of the country and engaging deeply with its people.

Shri Amit Shah, Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation

deeply with its people.

Union Home Minister, Shri Shah said that under the guidance of Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, more than 50 landmark decisions have been taken in the last 9 years. These achievements will be pivotal in the history books. On the anniversary of the *Quit India Movement* initiated by Mahatma Gandhi in 1942, Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi has presented fresh ideals, namely 'Corruption Quit India', 'Appeasement Quit India', and 'Dynasty Quit India'.

Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Shah emphasized the significant progress made in Manipur. Over the past six years, the region has seen stability with no curfews, bandhs, or blockades. The insurgency related violence has considerably reduced. The government's rapid response



to the recent disturbances in Manipur included deploying 36,000 security personnel and holding 16 video conferences to monitor and manage the situation. The security reviews are consistent and thorough, ensuring peace in the region. Six cases related to the violence in Manipur have been assigned to the CBI for thorough investigation. Families affected have received a relief package, with the families of the deceased getting 10 lakh rupees each. Supply chains remain intact with 30,000 metric tons of rice dispatched to Manipur. Medical assistance has been mobilized, and educational institutions are functioning with 98% of schools operational.

Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Shah also highlighted the formation of a commission, under the chairmanship of a retired Chief Justice of High Court Ajai Lamba to investigate the recent violence in Manipur. Additionally, a peace committee has been set up under the Governor's guidance.

Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Shah further elaborated on the developmental strides under Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi's leadership. He emphasized the eradication of corruption, nepotism, and appeasement, focusing on performance-driven politics.

Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi's achievements include providing smoke-free homes for 9.6 crore women through gas cylinders, facilitating toilets for 11.72 crore families in less than a decade, and supplying tap water to 12.65 crore households under the *Har Ghar Nal Yojana* initiative.

The government has also taken significant steps in financial inclusion, opening 49.65 crore bank accounts. These accounts have been pivotal in directly transferring benefits from over 300 schemes, both central and state, to the citizens.

Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah praised Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi's adept leadership during the Covid-19 pandemic. Under Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi's guidance, India united in the spirit of cooperative federalism, with the central and state governments working in tandem with the 130 crore citizens to combat the corona virus. Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi ensured the provision of free vaccination doses to all Indians. Most importantly, despite enforcing lockdowns, the government ensured that no citizen went hungry, by providing 5 kg of food grains per person monthly to 80 crore people. This allocation persists even now. ■

Key Highlights of Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah's speech

Government's Popularity and Prime Minister's Efforts

- Instilled new hope in the lives of Indian people.
- Gave a stable government with a full majority for two consecutive terms.
- Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi works 17 hours a day and has traveled extensively across every state of the country.

Landmark Decisions

- The Narendra Modi government took more than 50 landmark decisions in 9 years.
- Introduced the slogans: 'Corruption Quit India', 'Appeasement Quit India', 'Dynasty Quit India'.

Efforts for peace in Manipur

- Not a single day curfew, bandh, or blockade in the last 6 years; insurgency violence almost ended.
- Dispatched 36,000 security personnel, utilized Air Force aircraft, and conducted video conferences to manage the situation.
- Six cases related to Manipur violence handed over to CBI.
- Relief and rehabilitation package provided; 10 lakh rupees given to families of the deceased.
- 30,000 metric tonnes of rice sent to Manipur; medical

teams dispatched; 98% of schools operational.

- Established a Judicial Commission to investigate the violence.
- Around 14,898 people arrested, 1,106 FIRs registered.
- Appeal for peace and dialogue between communities.
- Initiation of New Political Era and Governance.

Tangible Achievements

- Emphasis on politics of performance.
- Focus on eradicating corruption, nepotism, and appeasement.
- Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi's emphasis on development in decision-making.
- Houses of 9.6 crore women made smoke-free through the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana.
- Toilets provided to 11.72 crore families in 9 years.
- Tap water provided to 12.65 crore houses under Har Ghar Nal Yojana.
- Arrangement to send ₹2.40 lakh crore to the bank accounts of 14.5 crore farmers.
- Waived off health expenses up to ₹5 lakh for 50 crore people.



Empowering Delhi Parliament Passes Landmark Bill

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The fight against corruption has always been a top priority for the Union government under the leadership of Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi. Over the past 9 years, India has witnessed a series of transformative initiatives and reforms aimed at uprooting corruption and building a more transparent and accountable government. While reiterating the commitment towards zero tolerance against corruption and inefficiency, Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah introduced the National Capital Territory of Delhi (Amendment) Bill, 2023 on 1st August 2023 in the Lok Sabha and on 7th August 2023 in the Rajya Sabha. Both the Houses passed the Bill with majority.

The bill aims to redefine the relationship between the Central government and the National Capital Territory (NCT) of Delhi. During discussions in the Lok Sabha, Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah made it clear that the Parliament has the authority, under Article 239 (AA)(3)(B) of the Constitution, to legislate on matters concerning the Union Territory of Delhi. This constitutional provision grants the Parliament the power to make laws for Delhi, and the bill is entirely within the constitutional framework.

Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah underscored that from 1993 to 2015, as per the established rules, the services were under the control of the Central government. Regardless of which political party held office in Delhi during that

Genesis of the Bill

In 2015, the Delhi government issued a circular in which it took over the powers of transfer and posting. After this, the Central Government brought out a notification which was challenged in the High Court. The judgement of the High Court came in favour of the Central Government, which was then challenged in the Supreme Court. There was a split decision in the Supreme Court and then a constitution bench was formed, which gave its judgement in favour of Delhi government. Parliament of the country and the Government of India have the right to make all kinds of laws for the Union Territory of Delhi and using that right, an Ordinance was issued because the Parliament was prorogued at that time. That Ordinance is now the law after the related Bill is passed from both the Houses of the Parliament.

period, the primary focus was always on serving the public. He emphasised that the bill does not aim to disrupt governance but will ensure that it operates in accordance with established rules and regulations.

Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah said the need to make rules arose because the governance in Delhi was not being run as



The purpose of the bill is to ensure corruption-free and people-oriented governance in Delhi. Not a single provision of the bill will change the existing system.

Shri Amit Shah, Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation

per the rules. He added that Delhi is different from all the states in many ways because the Parliament House is located here and so are constitutional dignitaries, the Supreme Court and various embassies. Also, heads of States from all over the world visit Delhi all through the year and that was why Delhi was made a Union Territory.

Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah reiterated that the government's sole objective behind the bill is to enhance the welfare of Delhi residents. The bill, he emphasised, was not introduced with any political agenda. Instead, it is driven by the desire to create a more efficient, transparent, and accountable administrative setup in Delhi, he said.

Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah reiterated that not a single provision of the bill will change the existing system.

After extensive discussions in the Parliament, the bill received significant support from lawmakers. The overwhelming approval reflected a broad consensus on the need for reform. Subsequently, the bill was signed into law by the President Shrimati Draupadi Murmu, officially becoming the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi (Amendment) Act, 2023.

The passage of the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi (Amendment) Bill, 2023, marks a crucial step toward ensuring a more efficient and accountable governance structure for Delhi. ■

Key Features

- **National Capital Civil Services Authority:** The Act establishes the National Capital Civil Services Authority to make recommendations to the Lieutenant Governor of Delhi (LG) on certain matters related to services. These include: (i) transfers and postings, (ii) matters related to vigilance, (iii) disciplinary proceedings, and (iv) prosecution sanctions of Group A of All India Services (except Indian Police Service), and DANICS.
- **The Authority will consist of the:** (i) Chief Minister of Delhi as Chairperson, (ii) Principal Home Secretary of the Delhi government as Member Secretary, and (iii) Chief Secretary of the Delhi government as member. The central government will appoint both the Principal Home Secretary and the Chief Secretary. All

decisions of the Authority will be based on a majority vote of the members present and voting. The quorum for a meeting is two people.

- **Powers of the Lieutenant Governor:** Under the Act, matters where the LG may act on his discretion are: (i) matters outside the legislative competence of the Delhi Legislative Assembly but which have been delegated to the LG, or (ii) matters where LG is required by a law to act in his discretion or exercise any judicial or quasi-judicial functions. The Act specifies that in these matters, the LG will act in his sole discretion. It expands the discretionary role of the LG by giving him powers to approve the recommendations of the Authority, or return them for reconsideration. In the case of a difference of opinion between the LG and the Authority, the former's decision will be final.

Prime Minister Unveils Rajkot's Gateway to the World



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In a significant move for Rajkot and the Saurashtra region, Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi on 27th July 2023 unveiled the Rajkot International Airport and a series of development projects worth over ₹860 crores. The projects include Sauni Yojana Link 3 Package 8 and 9, the upgradation of Dwarka Rural Water Supply and Sanitation (RWSS), the preservation and revitalization of Uparkot Fort Phase I & II, the construction of essential facilities including water and sewage treatment plants, and a flyover.

Speaking on that occasion, Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi acknowledged the significance of the day, not just for Rajkot but for the entire Saurashtra region. He paid his respects to those who endured hardships brought about by natural disasters such as cyclones and recent floods. He underscored that during these crises, both the government and the people of the region stood united, and rehabilitation efforts have been undertaken with full support from the state and central governments.

Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi emphasized that Rajkot stood as the driving force behind Saurashtra's growth. Despite its rich industry, culture, and cuisine, the need for an International Airport was acutely felt, and this need has now been met. He reminisced about his early days as an MLA representing Rajkot, stating that the city had been his teacher. He expressed gratitude for the city's continued support, vowing to repay the debt he feels towards Rajkot.

The Prime Minister's vision for enhancing air connectivity throughout the nation has been realized with the inauguration of a new international airport in Rajkot. This development has provided a significant boost to the region. Spanning across an area of more than 2500 acres, this greenfield airport project was executed at a total cost of around ₹1400 crore. The new airport seamlessly blends cutting-edge technology with sustainable infrastructure, reflecting a commitment to modernity and environmental responsibility.

In his address, Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi reflected on the central government's dedication to improving the lives of citizens. He reiterated the government's commitment to "Sushasan" or good governance, ensuring progress and prosperity for the poor, Dalits, tribals, and backward classes. He emphasized that this commitment has been unwavering over the past 9 years.

The Prime Minister's vision for enhanced air connectivity across India received a significant boost with the inauguration of the Rajkot International Airport. This greenfield airport spans a vast land area of over 2500 acres and was developed at a cost of around ₹1400 crores. The airport seamlessly merges modern technology with sustainability. ■

A Call to Unite for Nature



Mother Nature does not favour a fragmented approach. She prefers *Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam* - One Earth, One Family, One Future.

Shri Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

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In a world faced with environmental challenges, the importance of preserving and nurturing Nature has never been more vital. On 28th July, 2023, Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi delivered a powerful address to the G20 Environment and Climate Ministers' meet in Chennai, emphasizing the need for global cooperation to protect the planet.

Against the backdrop of Chennai's rich cultural heritage, the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi invoked timeless wisdom and India's traditional knowledge to underscore the interconnectedness of humanity and Nature. He stressed the urgency of climate action and the responsibility we all share in safeguarding Mother Earth.

Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi began his address by drawing inspiration from the verses of ancient poet Thiruvalluvar, highlighting Nature's delicate balance and its dependence on reciprocity. He

quoted a Sanskrit *shloka* that emphasized the symbiotic relationship between Nature and humanity, highlighting the fact that we must care for Nature as it sustains us.

Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi emphasized that climate action should follow the principle of *Antyodaya* ensuring the upliftment of the most marginalized in society. He also recognized the disproportionate impact of climate change on the countries of the Global South and called for enhanced commitment to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Paris Agreement. These commitments, he argued, can aid the Global South in achieving their developmental aspirations while adopting climate-friendly practices.

Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi showcased India's innovative initiatives driven by community participation. He highlighted 'Mission Amrit Sarovar', a water conservation effort that created over 63,000 waterbodies in just a year. The 'Catch the Rain' campaign, with its 280,000 water harvesting structures, demonstrated the power of collective action. He also credited these successes to local expertise and the use of technology.

Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi also discussed the 'Namami Gange Mission,' where community involvement led to the reappearance of dolphins in the river Ganga. The 75 Ramsar sites across India, the largest network in Asia, further exemplify the nation's commitment to wetland conservation, he said.

Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi celebrated the country's mega-diverse status and its steadfast commitment to biodiversity conservation, restoration, and enrichment. Notably, he highlighted the 'Gandhinagar Implementation Roadmap and Platform,' addressing landscapes affected by forest fires and mining. He also mentioned the 'International Big Cat Alliance' aimed at preserving seven big cat species, drawing from the success of the pioneering 'Project Tiger' initiative.

Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi reiterated the collective responsibility towards nature. He expressed optimism that the G20 Environment and Climate Ministers' meet would yield productive and successful outcomes. He invoked the principle of *Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam* – One Earth, One Family, One Future – emphasizing the interconnectedness of all living beings on planet Earth. ■

Amrit Bharat Stations New Concept in Railway Modernization



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At a landmark event, Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi initiated a transformative journey for India's railways by laying the foundation stone for the redevelopment of 508 railway stations across the nation on 6th August 2023. This initiative, valued at more than ₹24,470 crores, spans 27 States and Union Territories, with notable projects in Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Bihar, Maharashtra, West Bengal, and other states. The move marked a new era for Indian Railways, as the nation took a giant leap towards modernization and economic growth.

Addressing the gathering, Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi set the stage for this historic initiative, framing it as the dawn of *Amrit Kaal*, an era filled with fresh energy, inspiration, and determination. He emphasized that this project signals the beginning of a new chapter in the history of Indian Railways, ushering in a period of revitalization and modernization. This ambitious redevelopment effort is part of the larger *Amrit Bharat Stations* project, encompassing nearly 1300 prime railway stations across India, breathing new life into the nation's railway infrastructure.

Out of these 1300 railway stations, Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi noted that the foundation stone for 508 Amrit Bharat Stations is being laid today, involving an investment of approximately ₹25,000 crores. He underlined that this redevelopment project is not just about railways but a comprehensive campaign for nationwide infrastructure development, benefiting all states and their citizens. Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi highlighted that the benefits

will be widespread, with 55 Amrit Stations in Uttar Pradesh, 55 in Rajasthan, 34 in Madhya Pradesh, 44 in Maharashtra, and many others in Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, and Kerala set to undergo transformation.

Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi attributed India's growing global stature to two pivotal factors: the election of a stable, majority government and the government's commitment to ambitious development initiatives in line with the aspirations of its citizens. He underscored that Indian Railways is a prime example of this transformation, citing the tremendous expansion of the rail sector. He acknowledged that any leader would want to speak about these achievements from the iconic Red Fort.

Indian Railways has long been considered the lifeline of the nation. As cities have evolved, railway stations have become integral to their identities. Recognizing this, Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi stressed the need to modernize these stations. Upgrading them will not only leave a lasting first impression on visitors but also boost tourism and stimulate economic activities in nearby areas. The "One Station One Product" scheme will aid artisans and promote district branding.

Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi emphasized the pivotal role of railways in driving the country's economic growth. Further, he said that record investments have been made in the railways, with this year's budget exceeding ₹2.5 lakh crores—five times more than in 2014. A comprehensive approach to railway development is underway, with a 9-fold increase in locomotive production in the past 9 years. Furthermore, the production of high-speed LHB coaches has surged by 13 times. ■

Agencies Strike Hard

Big Blow to Drug Trafficking

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The regional conference on 'Drug Trafficking and National Security' was held in New Delhi on 17th July 2023. Chaired by Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah, it underlined a remarkable stride in the fight against drugs.

During the conference, the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB), in collaboration with the Anti Narcotics Task Force (ANTF) of all states, destroyed a staggering 1.40 lakh kg of narcotics valued at ₹2,378 crore in different parts of the country on a single day that became a record. This accomplishment reflected the collective efforts of all stakeholders involved in the fight against drug trafficking.

The conference brought together governors, lieutenant governors, chief ministers and senior officials from various states and Central Government agencies to address the critical issue of drug trafficking that threatens not only the health of the nation's youth but also its security.

Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah emphasized that the devastating impact of drug trafficking goes beyond individual lives and extends to the very core of national security. Acknowledging the significance of addressing this challenge, he highlighted the Union Home Ministry's unwavering commitment to combat the menace of drugs through regional conferences. These conferences serve as platforms to review existing policies and incorporate timely changes based on feedback from participants.

Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah reiterated the vision set by Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi for *Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav* that India and its youth should be drug-free by the time the centenary of the country's Independence is celebrated in 2047. This ambitious goal will necessitate robust cooperation between the states and the Union government.

To bolster the fight against drugs, Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah announced the inauguration of a new building for the Amritsar zonal office of the NCB, the opening of an office in Bhubaneswar, and the *Bhoomi Pujan* of a new office in Delhi. These developments signify the government's commitment to strengthen the NCB's capabilities in states such as Punjab and Odisha.

Moreover, a compendium on drug-free India was released with an aim to disseminate information related to drug awareness among district administrations, schools, and



To realise Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi's vision of a drug-free India, all departments will have to move forward and cooperate, coordinate and collaborate.

Shri Amit Shah, Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation

non-governmental organizations (NGOs). Recognizing that the most significant victory lies in creating awareness against drugs, Shri Shah stressed that winning this fight necessitates instilling a strong sense of awareness among the youth and parents across the country.

The statistics presented during the conference showcased the progress made in recent years. From 2006 to 2013, the number of drug-related cases that were registered was 1,250, while between 2014 and 2023, the number surged to 3,700- a 200% increase. Similarly, arrests during the same periods recorded a 300% rise, with 1,360 arrests in the former period and 5,650 in the latter. The quantity of drugs seized also demonstrated significant improvement, increasing by 160% from 1.52 lakh kg to 3.94 lakh kg.

Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah stressed that while the government has made considerable advancements in detection, destruction, and detention of drug traffickers, the battle cannot be won without placing equal emphasis on rehabilitation. He called for an integrated approach, urging collaboration among health, social welfare, chemical and drug, education, Panchayati Raj departments, and state home departments. ■

Union Home Minister visits Indo-Pak border



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In the sprawling expanse of the Kutch region in Gujarat lies a stretch of land that holds immense strategic importance for India. This area, spanning approximately 22 kilometers along the India-Pakistan border, is characterized by its unique landscape, with a substantial portion submerged in water.

Traversing this challenging terrain, replete with nearly eight kilometers of treacherous swampland, poses a difficult task. On one side, a deep waterbody stretches out, while on the other, marshy land presents an equally unforgiving terrain. Due to these inhospitable conditions, the area has earned the name 'Harami Nala'. The unstable environment and ever-changing geographical conditions further compound the difficulties of any construction efforts.

Harami Nala extends to Rajasthan's

Barmer district and experiences tidal fluctuations that continually alter its topography, making permanent markings nearly impossible.

In this tough and hostile situation, the Border Security Force (BSF) shoulders the responsibility of safeguarding India's border against infiltration from neighboring Pakistan, a duty they execute with unwavering commitment. To fortify this vulnerable frontier, substantial development initiatives have been initiated by relentless efforts of Shri Amit Shah. One prominent project is Outpost Tower 1164, currently under construction. This tower, standing at an impressive height of 9.5 meters, boasts state-of-the-art cameras that can detect even the minutest border movements, promptly alerting our vigilant border guards. The tower's completion will render our border security impregnable.

During a visit to the Harami Nala on August 12, 2023, Shri Amit Shah

reviewed the progress and issued several directives to further enhance security measures in the strategic terrain since enemies continually seek to exploit surveillance lapses or unfavourable weather conditions in a bid to infiltrate. The Home Minister said that after the completion of the outpost tower, such incursions will significantly reduce.

Shri Shah expressed confidence in the country's border security, thanks to the dedication of the BSF. The force endures extreme weather conditions.

Shri Shah also noted that the BSF maintains a fleet of over 450 water vessels, with the facility under construction at Harami Nala poised to greatly aid in their upkeep and sustained vigilance. The BSF remains vigilant, continuously watching over potential threats - be it the dense mangroves of the Sundarbans, the challenging terrains of the Harami Nala, the snow-covered peaks of Jammu and Kashmir, or the waterlogged borders with Bangladesh. ■



Key Facts

- Spanning 22 kilometers, a significant portion of the Harami Nala is submerged in water. There is also a substantial flow of mud into the drain.
- It has been a formidable security challenge.
- Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah, has taken significant measures to enhance security.
- Surveillance will be intensified with the installation of cameras on an under-construction outpost tower.



Securing India's Sensitive Borders

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Guarding India's vast and challenging borders requires steadfast commitment and robust infrastructure. Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Shri Amit Shah's recent visit to Kutch, Gujarat, marked a significant step towards bolstering India's border security, with a focus on the Border Security Force (BSF). In a ceremonial *Bhoomi Pujan* on 12th August 2023, Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah laid the foundation for BSF's Mooring Place in Kutch, Gujarat. The event witnessed the e-unveiling of various strategic projects, in the presence of many dignitaries, including the Union Home Secretary and Director General of BSF.

Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah recalled the visionary decision of former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee, known as "One Border, One Force." This policy streamlined the responsibilities

of India's border guarding forces, enhancing their ability to assess the geographical conditions, political relations with the border country and threats. Under this policy, the BSF took charge of guarding the borders with Pakistan and Bangladesh.

Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Shri Amit Shah praised the BSF as the only Central Armed Police Force (CAPF) with the unique expertise to secure land and water borders, complemented by its air wing. He underscored the BSF's unwavering commitment and courage

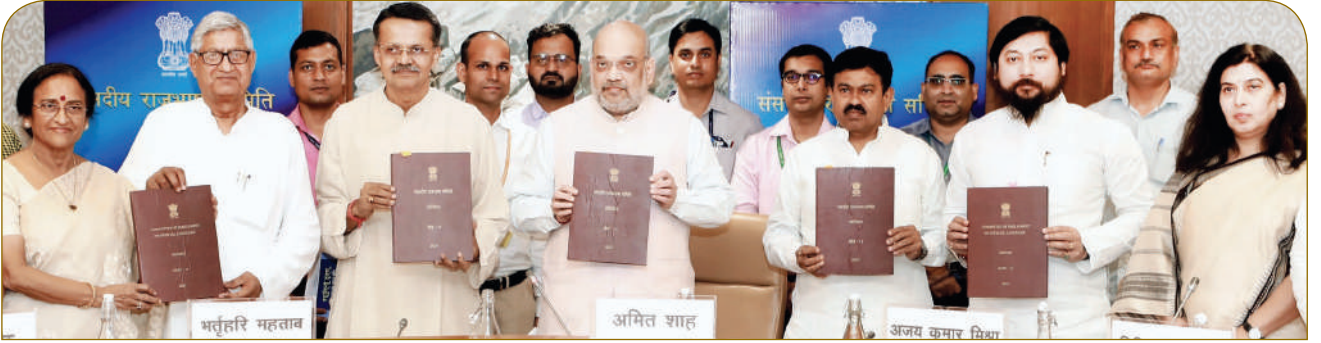
in safeguarding India's borders, which often entail extreme temperatures. Whether patrolling the Sundarbans, monitoring HaramiNala, braving the snow-clad hills of Jammu and Kashmir, or safeguarding the Bangladesh border with its numerous waterfalls, the BSF remains vigilant.

Home Minister Amit Shah's initiatives in Kutch, Gujarat, stand as a testament to India's unwavering commitment to safeguarding its borders and enhancing security infrastructure, ensuring the nation's safety and sovereignty. ■

NAFIS gets Gold Award for Digital Transformation

National Automated Fingerprint Identification System (NAFIS) has revolutionized the fingerprint recognition system, ushering in a new era of crime control. NAFIS stands as a prime example of how technology, coupled with dedicated teamwork and visionary leadership, can transform a nation's security landscape. Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah, on 12th August 2023 extended congratulations to the dedicated team of NAFIS, National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) for their remarkable achievement - winning the Gold Award in the Excellence in Government Process Reengineering for Digital Transformation Category-1, conferred by the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG).

Linguistic Empowerment Key to Harmonious Co-existence



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In a significant stride towards preserving India's linguistic heritage and promoting the nation's official language, the 38th meeting of the Committee of Parliament on Official Language was convened on 4th August 2023 under the chairmanship of Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah, in New Delhi. This meeting underlined the importance of languages in our diverse culture and marked a momentous step towards advancing linguistic inclusivity in various spheres of education and governance.

During the meeting, a notable milestone was achieved as the 12th volume of the report of the Committee of Parliament on Official Language received unanimous approval. This report, which was presented to the President, serves as a testament to the government's dedication to fostering linguistic harmony and upholding the values enshrined in the Constitution.

Addressing the meeting Union Home Minister, Shri Amit Shah highlighted the essence of the *Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav*, in which Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi had emphasized on the "Panch Pran" - five key principles, two of which focus on respecting heritage and erasing the signs of slavery. Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah underscored that for the complete realization of these principles, it is imperative to harness the collective strength of all Indian languages, along with the official language.

Stressing the inseparable link between the respect for heritage and linguistic appreciation, Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah emphasized that the acceptance of the official language hinges on our embrace of local languages. He clarified that Hindi does not compete with regional languages, but rather, the empowerment of the nation lies in nurturing all languages equally. The Home Minister highlighted the need to cultivate an environment of

**Respect of our heritage is incomplete
without the respect of language.
Acceptance of official language will come
only when local languages get respect.**

acceptance for the official language, even if the progress may be gradual.

An important stride towards linguistic empowerment was highlighted as Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah mentioned Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi's initiative to introduce engineering and medical courses in 10 languages, with the goal of expanding these changes to include all Indian languages. This visionary move is set to herald a new era for local and official languages in the realm of education and academia.

Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah acknowledged the fact that the acceptance of the official language does not come from the law or circular but from goodwill, inspiration and encouragement. He commended the resilience of Indian languages, which have persevered through the challenging times of colonial rule and united the diverse landscape of the nation.

Reflecting on the journey of the Committee of Parliament on Official Language, Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah commended the dedicated efforts of its members and expressed optimism in their continued commitment to championing the cause of the official language. Deputy Chairman of the Parliamentary Committee on Official Language, Shri Bhartruhari Mahtab, along with Union Ministers of State for Home Affairs, Shri Ajay Kumar Mishra and Shri Nisith Pramanik, also highlighted the collaborative spirit of this endeavour. ■

Promoting Public Welfare through Enhanced Outreach

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The departure ceremony of the Indian Police contingent which took part in the 2023 World Police and Fire Games at Winnipeg in Canada from 28th July to 8th August, 2023, took place at the Defense Research and Development Organization (DRDO) campus in Delhi. Minister of State for Home Affairs, Shri Nityanand Rai, was the chief guest at the departure ceremony.



Shri Rai extended his good wishes to the team and later in his address, he emphasized that under the leadership of Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi over the past 9 years, there has been a renewed focus on teamwork across the nation. This emphasis was largely driven by the Khelo India initiatives. Shri Rai highlighted how sports has been a beacon of the *Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat* spirit. He also acknowledged and thanked Shri Amit Shah, the Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, for his unwavering support for sports and the athletes. The ceremony was further honored by the presence of the Union Home Secretary, Shri Ajay Kumar Bhalla.

● To bolster its commitment to public health, the government has been consistently working on enhancing healthcare infrastructure and services. Reflecting this dedication, on 27th July 2023, Shri Ajay Kumar Mishra,



the Union Minister of State for Home Affairs, inaugurated the Lakhimpur Kheri — Health ATM. This significant addition was made at the Women's District Hospital and the Primary Health Center in Rajgarh. During the inauguration, Shri Mishra emphasized the establishment of an Urban Primary Health Center in the city. This new center promises to improve primary healthcare accessibility for residents, especially those from localities like Shiv Colony, Kanchan Puri Colony, Punjabi Colony, Motinagar Colony, and Ram Nagar Colony. Moreover, the inclusion of the Health ATM at the District Women's Hospital is set to provide children and pregnant mothers with the benefit of 98 different tests.

In another event, Shri Ajay Kumar Mishra also inaugurated the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samridhi Kendra in Lakhimpur Kheri. The attendees were given a comprehensive overview of the various schemes offered by the Central Government.

● From 18th to 21st July 2023, Shri Nisith Pramanik, the Union Minister of State for Home Affairs and Minister of State for Youth Affairs and Sports, represented India at the BRICS Youth Affairs Ministers' meeting in South Africa. Focused on promoting national interests, he



engaged in comprehensive discussions about India's endeavors to empower the youth. Shri Pramanik underscored that the BRICS conference not only fostered a meaningful dialogue on the global scenario but also facilitated discussions on bilateral relations. He also lauded the efforts of Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma, the South African Minister for Women, Youth, and Persons with Disabilities, for her commendable work in her respective domains. BRICS stands for a group of five pivotal emerging economies: Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa. Beginning 1st January 2023, South Africa took over the BRICS chairmanship from China. ■



KM Singh

Disaster Management in India: Preparing for Future Challenges

India is vulnerable, in varying degrees, to a large number of natural as well as manmade disasters. Presently, as we stand at the precipice of climate change and urban expansion, the challenges for disaster management in India are evolving rapidly.

Keeping this in view, a major initiative was taken by the former Prime Minister, Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee's government to put in place a holistic capability to handle both natural and manmade disasters in the country. This led to enactment of Disaster Management Act, 2005. This Act was a defining step bringing about a paradigm shift from the erstwhile relief centric approach to a proactive prevention, mitigation and preparedness driven approach for conserving developmental gains and minimising loss of life, livelihood and property. To ensure this, the Act provides for an institutional, financial and legal framework.

In 2014, after Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi took over the mantle of power, he infused new energy into disaster management system. Prime Minister, Shri Modi's 10-point agenda for Global Disaster Management provides direction for pre-empting disasters and ways to minimise losses with mitigation acquiring the Centre stage. Another significant initiative of Prime Minister, Shri Modi was launching of the 'Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure' (CDRI) in 2019 with 25 countries and 7 international organisations as members. It was set up with the objective of promoting resilience of new and existing infrastructure systems to climate and disaster risks to support sustainable development. As we look ahead today, several major challenges stand out. The impact of climate change, increasing incidents of cyclones in the coastal areas and devastating floods in different parts of the country stand as reminders that climate change is not a distant problem but an immediate concern. At the same time, unplanned urban growth, rapid industrialisation, environmental degradation and inadequate drainage system etc add to the risk factor. Moreover, as India continues its technological growth, the risk of manmade disasters, ranging from chemical leaks to cyber-attack on critical infrastructure, is also on the rise.

To address the above mentioned challenges and achieve the vision enshrined in the 10- point agenda of Prime Minister, Shri Modi, the imperative is to ensure

public awareness and capacity building of all stakeholders, particularly the community, which is the first responder. This needs to be done in terms of resources, skill and information availability. Capacity building is required at all levels: Community needs to be sufficiently aware, administrators need to be sensitive to vulnerability of disasters, research institutions need to transfer knowledge to field, corporate sectors need to be made aware of corporate social responsibility and media needs to understand its importance in spreading knowledge as social cause. Integrating technology for real time monitoring, predictive analytics, and communication can drastically enhance response times and resource allocation. Simultaneously, there is a pressing need to invest in disaster-resilient infrastructure.

Significantly, India has made a mark in two areas namely, cyclone risk mitigation and response mechanism. Cyclone Biparjoy in Kutch region of Gujarat in the first week of June this year with no casualty was a shining example of India's preparedness and the spirit of resilience among the people which was applauded by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and also Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah.

The NDRF, which is a multi-skilled and multi-disciplinary force, trained and equipped to deal with all natural and man-made disasters, has earned a niche for itself for its professionalism within India and abroad. Complementing the NDRF at the National Police Academy, Hyderabad on 31st July 2021 Prime Minister, Shri Modi mentioned that "the name of NDRF during disasters instills confidence among people. NDRF has created this credibility with its excellent work." With NDRF's professionalism and readiness to respond to disaster emergencies in countries like Turkey and Nepal, India has gained a diplomatic leverage.

While India has made significant strides in disaster management over the past decade, the road ahead presents numerous challenges. Preparedness, adaptability, and a collective effort from government agencies, civil society, and the public will shape how we face future adversities. With dedicated action, India can lead the way in setting a global benchmark in disaster management. ■

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Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah visited the Vivekananda Memorial House in Rameswaram, Tamil Nadu. During his visit, he remembered Swami Vivekananda and expressed his reverence for the saint, acknowledging his key role in catalyzing a spiritual reawakening in India.



In Rameswaram, the Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah, unveiled a book dedicated to the late former President of India, Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam. This book serves as a bridge to the past, drawing us into the memories and aspirations of the distinguished personality, and pass on his vision of reaching new pinnacles of achievement for the upcoming generation.



Padma Shri awardee Dr. Khadar Valli addressed the All India Police Seminar on *Shri Anna* at BPR&D headquarters. The seminar, conducted in a hybrid format, saw the participation of 400 personnel from Central Armed Police Forces, State Police, Union Territory Police, as well as officers and personnel from the Bureau.

The BPR&D YouTube channel 'Police aur Seva' recently highlighted efforts to establish a drug-free environment in Meghalaya. Dr. L. R. Bishnoi, IPS, Director General of Police in Meghalaya, called upon the public, particularly the youth and members of the media, to collaborate with the Meghalaya Police in their anti-drug campaign. Over the past month, more than 200 awareness programs have been conducted in schools and colleges, aimed at educating the community about the perils of drug use.



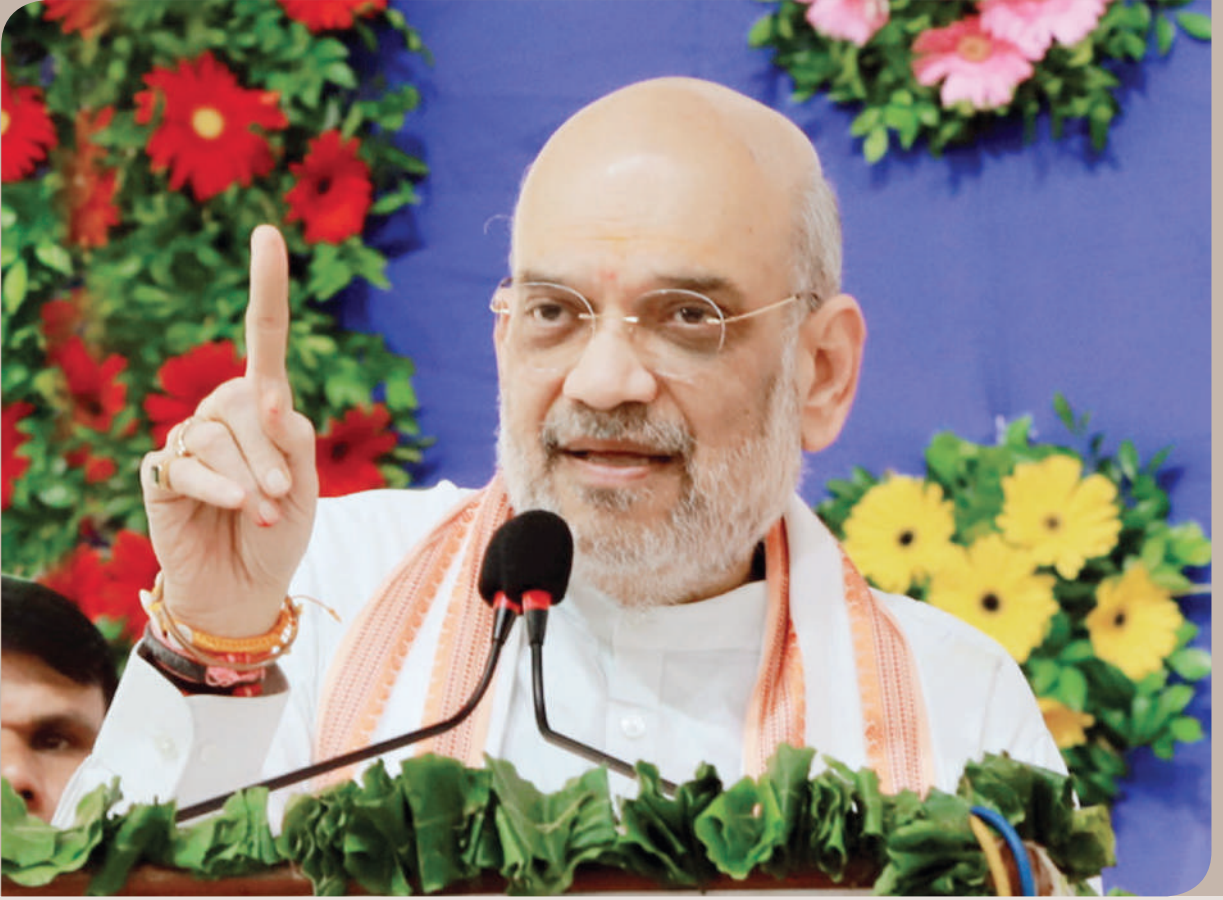
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Due to joint efforts, we have not only succeeded in reducing damage caused by disasters, but have also done an exemplary job in helping neighbours with proper arrangements and setting up early warning systems across the region.

Shri Amit Shah, Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation

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