

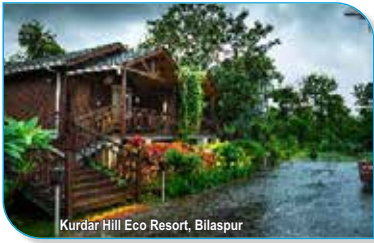
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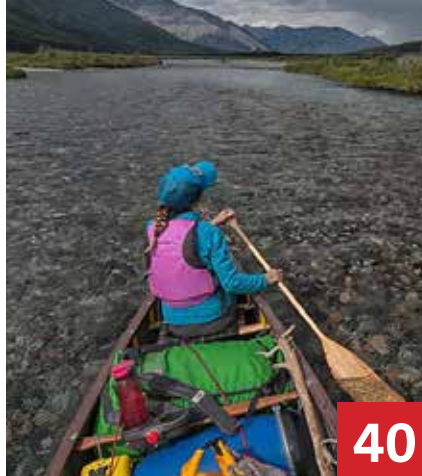
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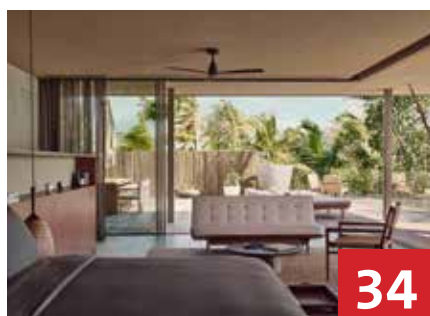
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## Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman assumes charge as the Union Minister for Finance and Corporate Affairs

Nirmala Sitharaman assumed office as Union Minister of Finance & Corporate Affairs. Emphasizing the Government's unwavering commitment to enhancing the 'Ease of Living' for all citizens, Union Finance Minister Sitharaman pledged to pursue further measures in this direction. Upon her arrival at North Block, she received a warm welcome from Finance Secretary Dr. T.V. Somanathan and other Ministry of Finance & Corporate Affairs Secretaries. Expressing gratitude to Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi for the opportunity to serve once again in this capacity, Smt. Sitharaman underscored the transformative leadership and growth-oriented governance of the past decade, which has bolstered India's economy significantly.

Following assuming charge, she was briefed on current policy matters by various departmental Secretaries within the Ministry. Smt. Sitharaman reiterated the Government's commitment to continuing the reforms initiated since 2014, aimed at ensuring macroeconomic stability and sustained growth for India. She highlighted India's resilient economic performance amidst global challenges and expressed optimism about the country's



economic prospects in the coming years.

Urging departments to vigorously advance the NDA Government's development agenda, the Union Finance Minister stressed the importance of responsive policy making aligned with the Prime Minister's vision of a 'Developed India'. She reaffirmed the Government's belief in inclusive growth through 'Sabka Sath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, Sabka Prayas', and called for continued cooperation from industry leaders, regulators, and citizens to fortify India's vibrant economy.

## Pankaj Chaudhary has taken up his responsibilities for a second consecutive term as the Minister of State for Finance in the Ministry of Finance.

The 59-year-old is currently in his seventh term as a Member of Parliament (MP) from Maharajganj, Uttar Pradesh, representing the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in the 18th Lok Sabha.

Following assuming charge, Shri Chaudhary had a brief interaction with Finance Secretary Dr. T.V. Somanathan, along with other Secretaries of the Ministry of Finance and the Chief Economic Adviser to the Government of India.





### Shri Piyush Goyal has officially taken charge as the Union Minister of Commerce and Industry in New Delhi.



Shri Piyush Goyal assumed charge as Union Minister of Commerce and Industry in Delhi, in the presence of Minister of State for Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Shri Jitin Prasada; Secretary of the Department of Commerce, Shri Sunil Barthwal; Secretary of the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Shri Rajesh Kumar Singh; and senior officers of the Ministry.



### Shri Jitin Prasada takes charge as Minister of State of Ministry of Commerce and Industry

Shri Jitin Prasada assumed office as the Minister of State in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry. He was warmly welcomed by Union Minister of Commerce and Industry, Shri Piyush Goyal, who presented him with a bouquet as a gesture of welcome to the Ministry.



### N. Chandrababu Naidu, the National President of the Telugu Desam Party (TDP), took oath as the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh for his second consecutive term.

N. Chandrababu Naidu, the National President of the Telugu Desam Party (TDP), was sworn in as Chief Minister of residual Andhra Pradesh for the second time. Governor S. Abdul Nazir administered the oath of office to Mr. Naidu at Kesarapalle near Gannavaram, close to Vijayawada. This marks Mr. Naidu's fourth term as Chief Minister in a political career spanning over four decades. He has previously served as Chief Minister of united Andhra Pradesh twice, and this is his second term leading residual Andhra Pradesh.

### Kinjarapu Rammohan Naidu has taken charge as the Union Minister of Civil Aviation.

Union Minister Shri Kinjarapu Rammohan Naidu has officially assumed charge of the Ministry of Civil Aviation in New Delhi. He expressed gratitude to Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi for entrusting him with this crucial responsibility, highlighting that his appointment signifies a forward-looking approach aimed at shaping the aviation industry's future for the next 25 years.



Present at the occasion were Minister of State in the Ministry of Civil Aviation and Ministry of Cooperation, Shri Murlidhar Mohol, Civil Aviation Secretary Shri Vumlunmang Vualnam, and senior officers of the Ministry. Addressing the media, Shri Naidu emphasized his priorities, particularly focusing on creating an 'ease of flying' environment to make air travel more accessible and convenient for all citizens. He stressed the importance of extending the benefits of aviation to every part of the country, with a specific focus on tier two and tier three cities.

Shri Naidu also acknowledged the support of the people of Srikakulam and Andhra Pradesh, thanked Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, Shri N. Chandra Babu Naidu, and remembered the legacy of his father, Late Kinjarapu Yerran Naidu, a respected politician from Andhra Pradesh.



### Four-time MLA and tribal leader Mohan Charan Majhi was sworn in as the Chief Minister of Odisha

Mohan Charan Majhi, representing the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), took oath as the Chief Minister of Odisha in a ceremony at Janata Maidan, Bhubaneswar, administered by the state Governor, Raghubar Das. He marks the first BJP leader to hold the position of Chief Minister in Odisha.

## Oath Ceremony

### **Shri Rajnath Singh has taken charge as the Defence Minister for his second consecutive term.**

Shri Rajnath Singh assumed office as Defence Minister for the second consecutive term, pledging a renewed focus on establishing a more secure, self-reliant, and prosperous nation. During a review meeting on the first 100 days' Action Plan, he emphasized the goal of exporting over Rs 50,000 crore worth of defence equipment by 2028-2029. Shri Singh chaired the meeting with a specific focus on ex-servicemen welfare, instructing officers to diligently work towards fulfilling the plan.

Upon taking charge at South Block, New Delhi, Shri Rajnath Singh was welcomed by Defence Rajya Mantri Shri Sanjay Seth, alongside Chief of Defence Staff General Anil Chauhan, Chief of the Army Staff General Manoj Pandey, Chief of the Air Staff Air Chief Marshal VR Chaudhari, Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Dinesh Tripathi, Defence Secretary Shri Giridhar Aramane, Secretary (Ex-servicemen Welfare) Dr. Niten Chandra, Secretary of the Department of Defence R&D and Chairman of DRDO Dr. Samir V Kamat, and other officials from the Ministry of Defence (MoD).



### **"Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw Assumes Office as Union Minister of Information & Broadcasting, Highlights Government's Commitment to Uplift the Poor"**

Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw has taken charge as the Union Minister of Information & Broadcasting. Addressing the media, Shri Vaishnaw emphasized the Government's commitment, under the leadership of

Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, to uplift the poor. He reiterated the Cabinet's recent decision to initiate the construction of 3 crore rural and urban houses, highlighting that the first Cabinet decision underscores the Government's dedication to empowering the disadvantaged. Shri Vaishnaw assured that the Government will steadfastly continue serving the people of the nation. Additionally, he expressed gratitude to the Prime Minister for the opportunity to serve as the Minister of Information & Broadcasting.

### **Shri Nitin Gadkari takes charge as the Union Minister of Road Transport and Highways**

Shri Gadkari expressed his sincere thanks to Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi for entrusting him with this role in Modi 3.0. He emphasized that under Modi Ji's visionary leadership, India will rapidly develop world-class, modern infrastructure.







### **Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda assumes office as the Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare.**

Shri J P Nadda began his political career in 1975. In 1989, during the Lok Sabha Polls, he assumed a significant role as the election in-charge of the BJP's youth wing. Subsequently, he successfully contested and won Assembly elections thrice in his home state of Himachal Pradesh. He has served as a Cabinet Minister in Himachal Pradesh and has held prominent roles within the BJP, including National General Secretary and Member Secretary of the BJP Parliamentary Board. From November 2014 to May 2019, he served as the Union Health Minister.



### **Gajendra Singh Shekhawat assumes leadership as the Union Minister for Culture and Tourism, stressing the development of a prosperous India.**

During his media address, Shri Shekhawat thanked Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi for his confidence and for entrusting him with the responsibility to uphold, safeguard, and promote the richness of Indian culture both domestically and globally. He highlighted that India's increasing soft power stems from its diverse and vibrant cultural heritage.



### **Mr. Prataprao Ganpatrao Jadhav assumes office as Union Minister of State in the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare.**

Mr. Prataprao Jadhav assumed office as the Union Minister of State in the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare. Additionally, he serves as the Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for the Ministry of Ayush.



### **Shri Suresh Gopi has taken on the role of Minister of State for Tourism.**

Shri Suresh Gopi assumed office as the Minister of State for the Tourism Ministry. He was welcomed by Secretary of the Ministry of Tourism, Ms. V. Vidyavathi, and other senior officials. During his interaction with senior ministry officers, Shri Suresh Gopi discussed his vision for advancing the tourism sector in the country. He currently serves as the Member of Parliament from Thrissur, Kerala.

# Narendra Modi's Historic Third Term A New Era for India

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**R**emarked by Narendra Modi upon his historic triumph, wherein India reaffirms its steadfast confidence in his

leadership for the third consecutive term.

Narendra Modi's third term as Prime Minister marks a pivotal moment in India's history. It is a time of great promise and

potential, with the opportunity to address longstanding challenges and usher in a new era of prosperity. The expectations are high, and the mandate is clear. As





Modi steps into his third term, the nation watches with hope and anticipation, ready to embark on this transformative journey under his leadership.

In the annals of Indian politics, few leaders have left as indelible a mark as Narendra Modi. With his re-election for a historic third term as Prime Minister in 2024, Modi has not only solidified his place in the country's political landscape but also set the stage for a transformative era in India's history. This unprecedented mandate reflects the trust and expectations of millions of Indians who envision a more prosperous and powerful nation under his leadership.

Social welfare and inclusivity have been central themes of Modi Sarkar's agenda. Through comprehensive programs like Ayushman Bharat, PMAY, and Ujjwala Yojana, the government has made significant



efforts to uplift the disadvantaged and promote inclusive growth. These initiatives have contributed to improving access to essential services, fostering financial inclusion, and enhancing the quality of life for millions of Indians. As the government continues its work in these areas, the aim will be to build on these successes and address ongoing challenges to ensure that all citizens benefit from India's growth story.

Yet, Despite the overwhelming mandate, the road ahead is not without challenges. Economic disparities, agrarian distress, and employment generation are pressing issues that require immediate and sustained attention. Additionally, balancing rapid development with environmental sustainability poses a significant challenge.

### The Mandate and the Message

The 2024 election results were a clear testament to Modi's enduring appeal. The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), under his leadership, secured a decisive victory, further expanding its footprint across the nation. This mandate is a reflection of the people's approval of Modi's governance, which has been characterized by a mix of economic reforms, infrastructure development, and a strong stance on national security.

The electorate's message was unequivocal: they desire continuity and stability, coupled with progressive changes that can propel India into a new era of growth and development. Modi's government, often described as pro-development and pro-reform, has promised to continue on this path with renewed vigor. As Modi embarks on his third term, the focus on economic reforms is expected to continue, driving India towards greater prosperity and global prominence.

### Economic Reforms and Development

One of the hallmarks of Modi's previous terms has been his focus on economic reforms. Initiatives such as the Goods and Services Tax (GST), the Make in India campaign, and the push for Digital India have redefined the economic landscape. In his third term, Modi has pledged to build on these successes with a focus on further simplifying the tax regime, promoting startups, and enhancing the ease of doing business.

Infrastructure development remains a cornerstone of Modi's vision. The ambitious Bharatmala and Sagarmala projects aim to revolutionize India's road and port connectivity, respectively. The continued emphasis on building smart cities and

improving rural infrastructure is expected to bridge the urban-rural divide and stimulate balanced regional development.

Narendra Modi's tenure as Prime Minister has been marked by significant economic reforms aimed at transforming India's economic landscape. The primary focus has been on simplifying regulations, fostering entrepreneurship, and improving infrastructure to drive sustainable growth. Here's a closer look at the key economic reforms and development initiatives that have defined Modi Sarkar.

### Goods and Services Tax (GST)

One of the most significant economic reforms under Modi's leadership has been the introduction of the Goods and Services Tax (GST) in 2017. The GST replaced a complex web of indirect taxes with a unified tax structure, simplifying compliance for businesses and creating a single market across India. This reform has been instrumental in reducing tax evasion, increasing government revenues, and making India a more attractive destination

for investment.

### Make in India

Launched in 2014, the Make in India initiative aims to turn India into a global manufacturing hub. The initiative focuses on enhancing the manufacturing sector's contribution to GDP, creating jobs, and attracting foreign direct investment (FDI). Several policies have been introduced to improve the business environment, including easing regulatory processes, enhancing infrastructure, and providing financial incentives for industries. The initiative has seen success in sectors like electronics, automotive, and defence manufacturing.

### Startup India

Startup India, launched in 2016, is designed to foster innovation and support startups in India. The initiative offers various incentives, including tax exemptions, easier compliance, and funding support through the Fund of Funds for Startups (FFS). Additionally, the government has created a robust ecosystem for startups

by establishing incubators, accelerators, and innovation labs. This initiative has significantly boosted entrepreneurial activity and positioned India as one of the fastest-growing startup ecosystems globally.

### Infrastructure Development

Infrastructure development has been a cornerstone of Modi's economic agenda. The government has launched several mega infrastructure projects aimed at improving connectivity, enhancing urban infrastructure, and boosting economic activity. Key initiatives include:

1. BharatmalaPariyojana: Aimed at improving road connectivity across the country by constructing new highways and upgrading existing ones. This project





focuses on connecting economic corridors, border areas, and remote regions.

2. **Sagarmala Project:** Focuses on port modernization, port connectivity, and port-led industrialization. The project aims to exploit India's long coastline and extensive inland waterways to reduce logistics costs and boost trade.

3. **Smart Cities Mission:** An urban renewal program aimed at developing 100 smart cities across India. The mission focuses on improving urban infrastructure, enhancing public services, and promoting sustainable development.

4. **Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY):** Aims to provide affordable housing for all by 2022. The scheme has two components: PMAY-Urban for urban areas and PMAY-Gramin for rural areas, addressing the housing needs of various demographics.

## Financial Inclusion and Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT)

Financial inclusion has been a significant focus under Modi Sarkar, with initiatives like the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) aiming to provide banking facilities to all households. The scheme has successfully opened millions of bank accounts, promoting savings and enabling direct benefit transfers (DBT).

DBT has revolutionized subsidy distribution by transferring funds directly to beneficiaries' bank accounts, reducing leakages and ensuring timely delivery of benefits. This system has been applied to various schemes, including LPG subsidies, scholarships, and pensions.

## Labor Reforms

Modi's government has also undertaken significant labor reforms to improve the ease of doing business and promote formal employment. The introduction of four labor codes—Code on Wages, Industrial Relations Code, Social Security Code, and Occupational Safety, Health, and Working Conditions Code—aims to simplify and rationalize the complex web of labor laws, ensuring better compliance and worker welfare.

## Social Welfare and Inclusivity

Modi's government has also been proactive in addressing social welfare and inclusivity. Schemes like Ayushman Bharat, the world's largest government-funded healthcare program, and the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, aimed at providing affordable housing, have had significant impacts. In his third term, Modi has promised to expand these programs, ensuring that the benefits reach the last mile.

Education and skill development are also high on the agenda. The New Education Policy (NEP) 2020 set the



stage for a comprehensive overhaul of the education system. The focus now is on its implementation, ensuring that India's youth are equipped with skills relevant to the 21st century.

During Narendra Modi's time as Prime Minister, the Indian government has launched a variety of social welfare programs and inclusivity initiatives aimed at improving the lives of millions of citizens. These efforts reflect a commitment to addressing the needs of diverse populations, from the economically disadvantaged to marginalized communities. Here's a detailed look at the key social welfare schemes and inclusivity measures implemented under

Modi Sarkar.

## 1. Ayushman Bharat

Ayushman Bharat, also known as the Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PM-



JAY), is one of the flagship healthcare initiatives of Modi's government. Launched in 2018, this scheme aims to provide health

insurance coverage of up to ₹5 lakh per family per year for secondary and tertiary hospitalization expenses.

### Key Features:

- **Coverage:** It covers over 10 crore families, providing access to cashless treatment at empaneled hospitals across India.
- **Beneficiaries:** Low-income families identified through the Socio-Economic Caste Census (SECC) 2011 are eligible.
- **Impact:** The scheme aims to reduce out-of-pocket healthcare expenses for poor and vulnerable populations,



improving access to quality healthcare services.

## 2. Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY)

Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana aims to achieve the goal of “Housing for All” by 2022. This program seeks to provide affordable housing solutions for both urban and rural populations.

### Key Features:

- PMAY-Urban: Targets the urban poor, including slum dwellers and low-income households, through financial assistance for house construction and improvement.
- PMAY-Gramin: Focuses on rural housing, providing financial support for building new houses and upgrading existing ones.
- Impact: The scheme has led to the construction of millions of homes, reducing the housing deficit and improving living conditions.

## 3. Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM)

Launched in 2014, Swachh Bharat Mission is a sanitation program aimed at improving cleanliness, hygiene, and



sanitation across the country.

### Key Features:

- Urban and Rural Components: The mission has two components: Swachh



Bharat Mission (Urban) and Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin).

- Objectives: Focuses on the construction of household and community toilets, promoting solid waste management,

rural areas.

## 4. Digital India

Digital India is a transformative initiative aimed at enhancing digital infrastructure and promoting digital literacy.

### Key Features:

- BharatNet: A project to provide high-speed internet connectivity to rural areas.
- Common Service Centres (CSCs): Facilitate access to government services and information for rural and underserved communities.
- DigiLocker: A digital platform for secure storage of important documents.
- Impact: The initiative has improved access to government services, increased digital literacy, and facilitated financial inclusion.

## 5. Ujjwala Yojana

Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana was launched in 2016 to provide free LPG connections to women from low-income households.





## Key Features:

- **Beneficiaries:** Aimed at BPL (Below Poverty Line) households.
- **Objectives:** To reduce the reliance on traditional biomass fuels, improve health outcomes, and promote cleaner cooking practices.
- **Impact:** The scheme has

significantly increased the number of LPG connections, improving the quality of life for millions of women.

## 6. Jan Dhan Yojana

Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) is a financial inclusion program launched in 2014.

### Key Features:

- **Bank Accounts:** Aimed at ensuring access to financial services for all households.
- **Financial Services:** Provides access to savings accounts, insurance, and pension schemes.
- **Impact:** The scheme has successfully opened millions of new bank accounts, promoting financial inclusion and enabling direct benefit transfers.

## 7.

## BetiBachaoBetiPadhao

BetiBachaoBetiPadhao is a scheme launched in 2015 to address declining child sex ratios and promote the education of girls.

## Key Features:

- **Awareness Campaigns:** Focuses on creating awareness about the value of the girl child and improving the effectiveness of welfare services.
- **Support:** Provides financial assistance for the education and

empowerment of girls.

- **Impact:** The scheme aims to address gender disparities and promote the rights of girls.

## 8. Skill Development Programs

The Modi government has launched various skill development initiatives to enhance employability and promote entrepreneurship.

## Key Programs:

- **Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY):** Provides training to youth in various vocational skills.
- **DeenDayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY):** Focuses on the skill development of rural youth.
- **Impact:** These programs aim to improve job prospects for the youth and support economic development through skill enhancement.

## 9. Social Security Schemes

Modi Sarkar has introduced several schemes to provide social security and financial protection.

## Key Schemes:

- **Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY):** Provides life insurance coverage.
- **Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY):** Offers accidental death and disability insurance.
- **Atal Pension Yojana (APY):** Provides a pension scheme for the unorganized sector.
- **Impact:** These schemes offer financial security and insurance coverage for individuals from lower-income groups and informal sectors.

## 10. National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (NREGA)

While the National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (NREGA) predates Modi's tenure, his government has focused on its effective implementation.





### Key Features:

- **Employment Guarantee:** Provides a legal guarantee of 100 days of wage employment per year to rural households.
- **Impact:** Ensures a safety net for the rural poor and supports rural development through public works.

### Challenges and Future Directions

While Modi Sarkar has made notable strides in social welfare and inclusivity, several challenges remain. Issues such as effective implementation of schemes, ensuring the reach of benefits to the most marginalized populations, and addressing regional disparities require ongoing attention.

The geopolitical landscape is also fraught with uncertainties. Navigating complex relationships with neighbouring countries, addressing border tensions, and maintaining strategic autonomy in a multipolar world will test the mettle of Modi's leadership.

Moving forward, the focus will need to be on optimizing existing programs, addressing gaps in service delivery, and ensuring that new initiatives are inclusive and equitable.



#### Foreign Policy and National Security

On the international front, Modi's third term is expected to further cement India's position as a global leader. His foreign policy, characterized by proactive diplomacy and strategic partnerships, has garnered international recognition. Strengthening ties with key global players, enhancing defense capabilities, and asserting India's role in regional and global forums will continue to be priorities.

National security remains a critical focus. Modi's government has taken a firm stance on counter-terrorism and has been keen on modernizing the armed forces. The emphasis on self-reliance in defense production under the Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative aims to reduce dependency on

imports and boost domestic manufacturing.

Under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, India's foreign policy and national security strategies have undergone significant transformations. Modi Sarkar's approach has been characterized by proactive diplomacy, strategic alliances, and a firm stance on national security. Here's an in-depth look at the key elements and achievements in these areas.

### Foreign Policy: Enhancing Global Presence

#### 1. Neighbourhood First Policy

One of the cornerstones of Modi's foreign



policy has been the Neighbourhood First Policy, which emphasizes strengthening relations with neighboring countries.

## Key Initiatives:

- **SAARC and BIMSTEC Engagement:** Active participation in South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) and the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) to promote regional cooperation.
- **Bilateral Ties:** Enhanced diplomatic and economic ties with countries like Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal, and Sri Lanka through increased high-level visits, trade agreements, and infrastructure projects.

trade, investment, and cultural exchange.

- **Strategic Ties:** Enhanced defence and security cooperation with countries like Japan, Vietnam, and Australia.

Impact: Increased economic ties, stronger defence partnerships, and greater integration into the Asia-Pacific region.

## 3. Strategic Partnerships

Modi Sarkar has focused on building strategic partnerships with major global powers.

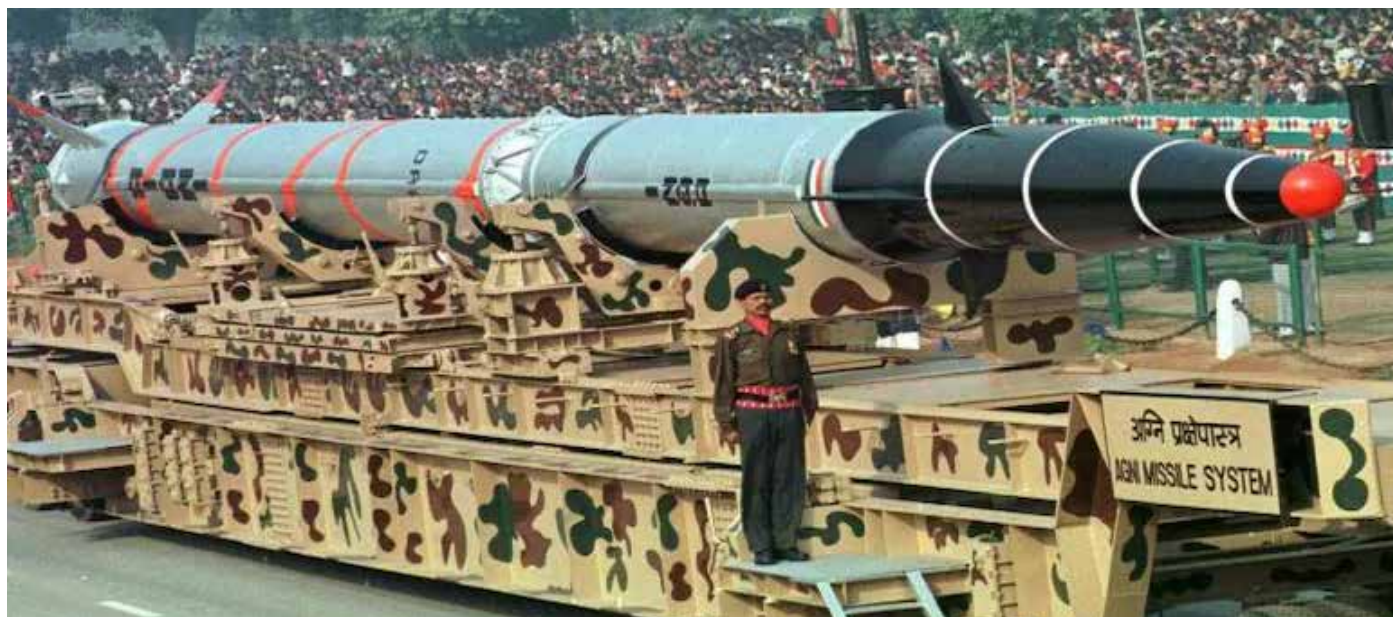
## Key Initiatives:

- **United States:** Strengthened defence and economic ties, with key agreements like the Logistics Exchange Memorandum of Agreement (LEMOA)

in global multilateral forums to promote its interests and contribute to global governance.

## Key Initiatives:

- **United Nations:** Advocacy for UN reforms and a permanent seat on the UN Security Council.
  - **BRICS and G20:** Active participation in BRICS and G20, focusing on economic cooperation, development, and global stability.
  - **International Solar Alliance (ISA):** Leadership in promoting renewable energy through the ISA, co-founded by India and France.
- Impact: Enhanced global influence, leadership in climate action, and



Impact: Improved regional cooperation, enhanced trade and connectivity, and stronger diplomatic relations with neighbouring countries.

## 2. Act East Policy

Building on the Look East Policy, the Act East Policy aims to strengthen economic and strategic relations with Southeast Asian countries.

## Key Initiatives:

- **ASEAN Partnership:** Deepening engagement with the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) through

and the Communications Compatibility and Security Agreement (COMCASA).

- **Russia:** Continued strong defence cooperation and strategic partnership, with joint military exercises and defence deals.
- **European Union:** Enhanced trade and investment relations, with a focus on technology and innovation.

Impact: Strengthened bilateral relations, increased defence cooperation, and enhanced global strategic standing.

## 4. Multilateral Engagement

India has been actively participating

contributions to global economic stability.

National Security: Strengthening Defence and Internal Security

## 1. Modernization of Armed Forces

Modi Sarkar has prioritized the modernization of India's armed forces to enhance defense capabilities.

## Key Initiatives:

- **Indigenization:** Promoting self-reliance in defence production through the Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative, focusing on developing indigenous defence technologies



and reducing dependency on imports.

- **Defence Procurement:** Acquisition of advanced military equipment such as Rafale fighter jets, S-400 missile systems, and Apache helicopters.

- **Infrastructure Development:** Strengthening border infrastructure, including roads, bridges, and forward bases, to improve mobility and logistics in strategic areas.

**Impact:** Enhanced defence capabilities, improved readiness, and greater self-reliance in defence production.

## 2. Counter-Terrorism Measures

A firm stance on counter-terrorism has been a hallmark of Modi's national security strategy.

### Key Initiatives:

- **Surgical Strikes:** Conducted surgical strikes in 2016 across the Line of Control (LoC) in response to terrorist attacks, showcasing India's capability to take decisive action.

- **Balakot Airstrike:** In 2019, the Indian Air Force carried out an airstrike on a terrorist camp in Balakot, Pakistan, in response to the Pulwama attack.

- **NIA Empowerment:** Strengthening the National Investigation Agency (NIA) to investigate and prosecute terrorism-related cases more effectively.

**Impact:** Demonstrated resolve in

combating terrorism, enhanced national security, and deterred cross-border terrorism.

## 3. Cybersecurity and Space Security

Recognizing the importance of cybersecurity and space security, Modi Sarkar has taken steps to strengthen these domains.

### Key Initiatives:

- **Cybersecurity Framework:** Development of a robust cybersecurity framework to protect critical infrastructure and sensitive information.

- **Space Capabilities:** Strengthening space capabilities through initiatives like the Anti-Satellite (ASAT) missile test, Mission Shakti, demonstrating India's capability to defend its space assets.

**Impact:** Improved cybersecurity posture, enhanced space security, and demonstrated technological advancements.

## 4. Internal Security Reforms

Internal security has been a priority, with a focus on maintaining law and order and addressing internal threats.

### Key Initiatives:

- **Jammu and Kashmir Reforms:** Abrogation of Article 370 and reorganization of Jammu and Kashmir to

integrate the region more closely with the rest of India and promote development.

- **Left-Wing Extremism:** Strengthening security measures and development initiatives in areas affected by left-wing extremism to restore peace and stability.

- **Police Modernization:** Efforts to modernize the police force through better training, equipment, and infrastructure.

**Impact:** Improved internal security, enhanced stability in sensitive regions, and strengthened law enforcement.

## Complex array of challenges

As Narendra Modi embarks on his third term as Prime Minister, his government faces a complex array of challenges that require strategic and effective solutions. These challenges span economic, social, geopolitical, and environmental domains. Here's an in-depth look at the major challenges ahead for Modi Sarkar.

## 1. Economic Challenges

a. **Economic Growth and Employment**

- **Slowdown in Growth:** Despite various reforms, India has faced periods of economic slowdown. Reviving and sustaining high economic growth rates is crucial.

- **Job Creation:** High unemployment rates, particularly among youth, pose a significant challenge. Creating job opportunities through industry, services, and startups is essential.

## b. Agricultural Distress

- **Farmer Protests:** The agricultural sector remains under distress, with farmers demanding better prices and sustainable farming practices. Addressing these concerns while balancing economic policies is critical.

- **Rural Development:** Enhancing rural infrastructure, access to markets, and agricultural productivity is necessary to improve the livelihoods of the rural population.

## c. Fiscal Management

- **Public Debt:** Managing the rising





public debt while ensuring adequate spending on infrastructure and social welfare is a balancing act.

- **Tax Reforms:** Further simplification of the GST and broadening the tax base are required to enhance government revenues.

## 2. Social Challenges

### a. Healthcare

- **Healthcare Infrastructure:** The COVID-19 pandemic highlighted the inadequacies in healthcare infrastructure. Strengthening healthcare systems, especially in rural areas, is imperative.
- **Health Insurance:** Expanding the reach and effectiveness of health insurance schemes like Ayushman Bharat is necessary to ensure broader coverage and better health outcomes.

### b. Education and Skill Development

- **Quality of Education:** Improving the quality of education and ensuring the effective implementation of the New Education Policy (NEP) 2020 is a priority.
- **Skill Mismatch:** Addressing the skill mismatch between industry requirements and the workforce through vocational training and upskilling programs is essential.

### c. Social Inequality

- **Income Inequality:** Bridging the widening gap between the rich and the poor through inclusive growth strategies and social welfare programs.
- **Gender Equality:** Promoting



gender equality through education, employment opportunities, and legal reforms.

## 3. Geopolitical and National Security Challenges

### a. Border Tensions

- **China:** Managing the complex and often tense relationship with China, especially in the context of border disputes like those in Ladakh.
- **Pakistan:** Ensuring national security while navigating the challenging relationship with Pakistan, particularly concerning cross-border terrorism.

### b. Strategic Alliances

- **Global Partnerships:** Balancing relationships with major global powers, including the United States, Russia, and the European Union, amidst shifting geopolitical dynamics.
- **Regional Stability:** Promoting stability and cooperation in the South Asian region through diplomatic engagement and economic cooperation.

## c. Internal Security

- **Terrorism:** Addressing the threat of terrorism and insurgency within and beyond India's borders through effective counter-terrorism measures.
- **Left-Wing Extremism:** Continuing efforts to mitigate left-wing extremism through security operations and development initiatives in affected areas.

## 4. Environmental Challenges

### a. Climate Change

- **Sustainability:** Balancing economic growth with environmental sustainability and fulfilling commitments under the Paris Agreement.
- **Renewable Energy:** Expanding renewable energy capacity and reducing dependence on fossil fuels to combat climate change.
- **Pollution**
  - **Air Quality:** Tackling air pollution, particularly in urban areas, through regulatory measures and promoting cleaner technologies.
  - **Water Resources:** Ensuring sustainable management of water resources and addressing issues of water scarcity and quality.

## 5. Governance and Implementation

### a. Bureaucratic Efficiency

- **Governance Reforms:** Streamlining bureaucratic processes to ensure efficient implementation of policies and projects.
- **Digital Governance:** Leveraging digital technologies to enhance transparency, accountability, and service delivery in governance.

### b. Policy Continuity

- **Long-Term Vision:** Ensuring continuity and coherence in policy implementation across different levels of government.
- **Public Trust:** Building public trust through transparent governance and effective communication of government initiatives and their impacts.

# "Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Impactful Presence at the G7 Summit: A Vision for Global Cooperation"

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi was warmly received at the G7 summit, marking his participation in discussions with global leaders on pressing global issues. His presence highlighted India's significant role in international affairs, particularly in areas such as climate change, economic cooperation, and regional security. Modi's proactive stance on enhancing global trade and sustainable development resonated strongly during the summit, reflecting India's commitment to collaborative diplomacy and its aspirations for inclusive global growth.

## PM MODI MEETS POPE FRANCIS, INVITES HIM TO INDIA

*"I admire his commitment to serve people and make our planet better. Also invited him to visit India.", PM posted on X.*

*Prime Minister Narendra Modi met Pope Francis on the sidelines of the G7 summit in Apulia, Italy.*

## Bilateral Talks Between Prime Ministers Modi and Kishida During G7 Summit

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi engaged in a bilateral meeting with His Excellency Mr. Fumio Kishida, the Prime Minister of Japan, on the sidelines of the G-7 Summit in Apulia, Italy.

During the meeting, Prime Minister Modi expressed gratitude to Prime Minister Kishida for his congratulatory messages on assuming office for a third







consecutive term. He reiterated the importance India places on its bilateral relationship with Japan, especially as it enters its third term.

Both leaders acknowledged the 10th anniversary of the India-Japan Special Strategic and Global Partnership and expressed satisfaction with the progress achieved in bilateral ties. They discussed strategies to further enhance cooperation, exploring new and emerging sectors, and reinforcing business-to-business (B2B) and people-to-people (P2P) exchanges.

India and Japan are collaborating on significant initiatives such as the transformative Mumbai-Ahmedabad High-Speed Rail project, which aims to revolutionize mobility in India. They also highlighted Japan's targeted investment of 5 trillion yen in India from 2022 to 2027 and the India-Japan Industrial Competitiveness Partnership, focused on advancing manufacturing cooperation.

The meeting provided an opportunity for both leaders to review the progress of these collaborative efforts and they expressed anticipation for further discussions at the upcoming annual India-Japan summit.

## Prime Ministers Modi and Meloni Confer at G7 Summit

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Convenes with H.E. Ms. Giorgia Meloni, Prime Minister of the Italian Republic, Amidst G7 Summit in Apulia, Italy.

In Apulia, Italy, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi met with H.E. Ms. Giorgia Meloni, Prime Minister of the Italian Republic, today. Prime Minister Meloni extended congratulations to Prime Minister Modi on his third consecutive term in office. In turn, Prime Minister Modi expressed gratitude to Prime Minister Meloni for the invitation to participate in the G7 Outreach Summit and commended the successful conclusion of the Summit.

Both leaders expressed satisfaction with the regular high-level political dialogue and reviewed the progress of the India-Italy Strategic Partnership. They highlighted the increasing trade and economic collaboration between the two nations and advocated for expanding commercial ties across clean energy, manufacturing, space, science and technology, telecom,

artificial intelligence, and critical minerals to strengthen resilient supply chains. They welcomed the recent signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Industrial Property Rights (IPR), which sets the stage for cooperation on patents, designs, and trademarks.

Discussions also encompassed bilateral defense and security cooperation, with hopes for further enhancement in defense industrial collaboration. They looked forward to the upcoming visit of the Italian aircraft carrier ITS Cavour and training ship ITS Vespucci to India later this year. Prime Minister Modi expressed gratitude to the Italian Government for acknowledging the Indian Army's contribution during the Italian Campaign in World War II and announced India's plans to upgrade the Yashwant Ghadge Memorial at Montone, Italy.

Acknowledging their coordination under the 'Global Biofuels Alliance,' the leaders welcomed the signing of a Letter of Intent for Cooperation in Energy Transition, aimed at boosting bilateral collaboration in clean and green energy. They expressed satisfaction with the newly established



Executive Programme of Cooperation for 2025-27, which aims to foster joint research and development in Science & Technology.

India and Italy enjoy a robust people-to-people connection, bolstered by a longstanding tradition of Indological studies in Italy. This bond is set to strengthen with the establishment of the first ICCR chair on India studies at the University of Milan. The leaders advocated for the swift implementation of the Migration and Mobility Agreement to facilitate the mobility of professionals, skilled and semi-skilled workers, students, and researchers.

Looking towards the Indo-Pacific Ocean Initiative framework, both leaders anticipated joint activities to advance their shared vision for a free and open Indo-Pacific. They also engaged in discussions on crucial regional and global issues, pledging to bolster cooperation in global forums and

multilateral initiatives, including the India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor.

## **Prime Minister Modi Meets President Macron During G7 Summit**

In Apulia, Italy, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and His Excellency Mr. Emmanuel Macron, President of the French Republic, convened for a bilateral meeting amidst the G7 Summit. Prime Minister Modi expressed gratitude to President Macron for his warm felicitations on assuming office for a third consecutive term.

The discussions centered on the comprehensive India-France bilateral relations, highlighting initiatives like the 'Horizon 2047' Roadmap and the Indo-Pacific Roadmap. Topics encompassed strategic areas such as defense, nuclear

energy, space exploration, education, climate action, digital infrastructure, connectivity, and cultural collaborations, including partnerships in museums aimed at enhancing people-to-people ties. Both leaders affirmed their commitment to strengthening strategic defense ties, emphasizing India's 'Make in India' initiative.

Additionally, they agreed to broaden cooperation in artificial intelligence (AI), critical and emerging technologies, energy, and sports, with a mutual focus on upcoming international events like the AI Summit and the United Nations Oceans Conference, both scheduled for 2025 in France.

Global and regional issues were also on the agenda, with a shared emphasis on the importance of a robust and reliable Strategic Partnership between India and France for





fostering a stable and prosperous global order. They pledged to collaborate closely to elevate this partnership to new heights.

Prime Minister Modi extended his best wishes to President Macron for the upcoming Paris Olympic and Paralympic Games, underscoring the spirit of sportsmanship and international camaraderie.

## Prime minister Modi exchanged words with UK Prime Minister at G7

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Engages in Bilateral Dialogue with Prime Minister H.E. Mr. Rishi Sunak of the United Kingdom at G7 Summit in Apulia

During their meeting today in Apulia, Italy, Prime Minister Sunak extended heartfelt congratulations to Prime Minister Modi on his historic third consecutive



term. Both leaders reaffirmed their nations' shared commitment to further enhancing bilateral relations.

Discussions centered on the progress of the Roadmap 2030 and highlighted the satisfactory advancement across all facets of the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership. This included regular high-level political consultations, defense and security cooperation, trade and

economic collaboration, advancements in critical and high technology sectors, and strengthening people-to-people ties. The leaders also expressed contentment with the ongoing negotiations towards a Free Trade Agreement between India and the UK. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi extended his best wishes to the people of the United Kingdom as they prepare for the upcoming general elections next month.





## "Triumphant Indian **T20 World Champions** Grace Delhi, Welcomed by Adoring Fans, Confer with PM Narendra Modi"

In defiance of the monsoon's deluge and rigorous security measures, the triumphant Indian T20 World Cup cricketers were warmly embraced by fervent fans.

Despite the inclement weather, hundreds of supporters gathered at the airport, brandishing congratulatory posters adorned with their cricketing idols' images and fluttering the national flag in joyous anticipation of the team's arrival.

Stringent security protocols were implemented at the Indira Gandhi International Airport to manage the throng, yet the atmosphere remained buoyant. Fans cheered exuberantly for star batsman Virat Kohli, captain Rohit Sharma, and departing head coach Rahul Dravid, their admiration undiminished.

Awaiting the players outside Terminal 3 were two buses poised to transport them to the ITC Maurya Sheraton, where the air reverberated with the beats of dhols



and the spirited rhythms of traditional bhangra dancers. Many players, including captain Rohit Sharma and all-rounders Hardik Pandya, Suryakumar Yadav, and Rishabh Pant, joined in the revelry, dancing alongside the local performers, creating indelible memories.

Even the security personnel, typically solemn in their duty, found themselves smiling as the players relaxed and engaged with everyone, culminating in

a cake-cutting ceremony. Amid a throng of eager media, the festivities continued unabated.

Later in the day, the team departed for a rendezvous with Prime Minister Modi at his official residence on 7, Lok Kalyan Marg. Spending nearly two hours in discussions, the cricketers shared moments with the Prime Minister before retiring to their hotel, marking a conclusion to a day filled with fervor and excitement.



# Kapil Dev, the iconic Indian cricket legend, assumes the role of President at the Professional Golf Tour of India (PGTI).

**K**apil Dev, who harbored ambitions of representing India in golf at the Asian Games following his retirement from cricket, was unanimously chosen for the position.

"It's a privilege to assume the presidency of PGTI, an organization with which I've had a longstanding association. This is the players' organization, and I have forged strong friendships with all of them, often joining them on the course," said the

65-year-old upon accepting the role.

He also pledged unwavering dedication to serving PGTI in his new capacity. Notably, as a board member, he spearheaded the prestigious Kapil Dev Grant Thornton



Invitational tournament at the renowned DLF Golf & Country Club.

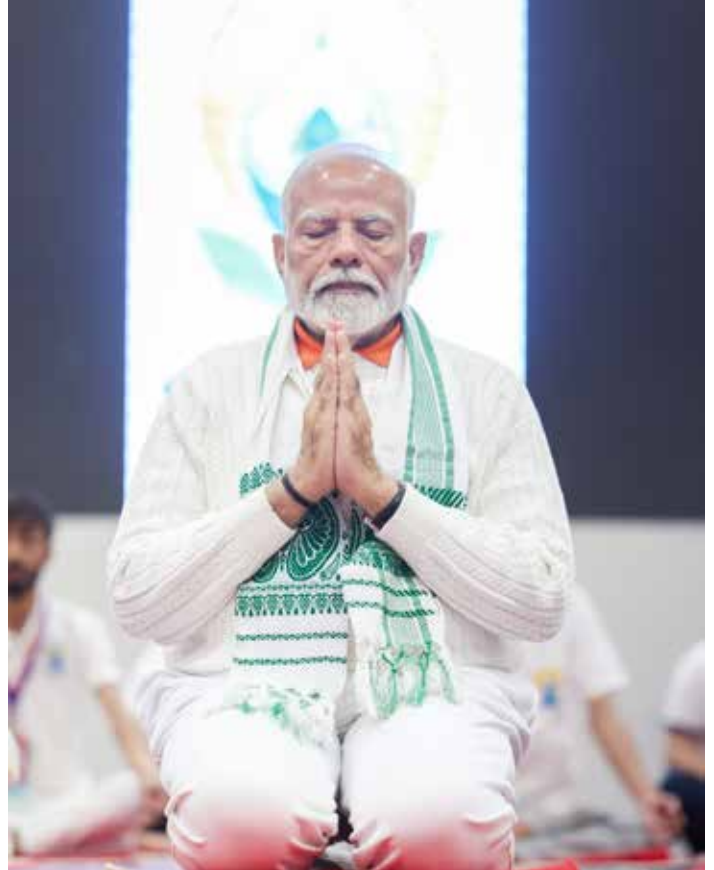
Throughout his illustrious career, Dev's renown and passion for the sport earned him invitations to esteemed events such as the Dunhill Links, where he competed alongside global celebrities.

A luminary in international cricket, Kapil Dev famously led India to its inaugural World Cup victory in 1983 as captain. He remains the sole cricketer to achieve the exceptional feat of amassing 5,000 runs and claiming 400 wickets in Test matches.

"Kapil Dev said: - I have been the vice-president of PGTI and I am on the board, so it is an honour to be elected president by the players. I promise to do my best as always. What makes me even more happy is that I will be able to spend more time with my golfing friends and play a little more,"

# Shri Narendra Modi addressed the **10th International Day of Yoga event** in Srinagar

The Prime Minister presided over the celebrations of International Yoga Day and actively participated in a yoga session.



In his address, the Prime Minister expressed gratitude for the opportunity to commemorate the International Day of Yoga in Jammu & Kashmir, renowned for its deep-rooted connection with yoga and spiritual practice. He remarked, “The atmosphere, energy and experience from Yoga can be felt in Jammu & Kashmir today”. Extending his best wishes to citizens and yoga enthusiasts worldwide on this occasion, Shri Modi noted the significant milestones achieved since the inception of International Yoga Day a decade ago.

Highlighting India’s global leadership in promoting yoga, the Prime Minister recalled the overwhelming support of 177 countries for India’s proposal at the United Nations. He cited notable events such as the Kartavya Path yoga session in 2015 and the participation of over 130

countries in a yoga event he led at the UN Headquarters last year. He also expressed satisfaction that the Yoga Certification Board, under the Ministry of Ayush, has recognized over 100 institutes in India and ten major international institutions.

The Prime Minister underscored the global surge in yoga practitioners and its increasing appeal, noting its growing recognition and widespread discourse among world leaders. “Yoga has permeated daily life across the globe,” he affirmed, citing its flourishing popularity and integration into diverse cultures and educational systems, from Turkmenistan to Saudi Arabia and Mongolia. He also highlighted its significant adoption in Europe, particularly among 1.5 crore German citizens practicing yoga. The Prime Minister also referenced the recent

recognition bestowed upon a 101-year-old French yoga teacher with a Padma Shree award, despite her never visiting India, underscoring yoga’s global impact and research focus through numerous published papers.

Addressing the evolving perceptions surrounding yoga over the past decade, the Prime Minister discussed the emergence of a new Yoga Economy. He noted the rising interest in yoga tourism, the desire to experience authentic yoga in India, and the development of specialized facilities such as yoga retreats, resorts, and dedicated spaces at airports and hotels. Furthermore, he highlighted the employment opportunities created through initiatives promoting yoga and mindfulness among youth.

The Prime Minister spearheaded the observance of International Yoga Day and actively participated in a yoga session.





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# Sanskritik Education in India

## A Deep-Rooted Legacy

**S**anskritik education, or Cultural education, vital for safeguarding India's rich heritage, holds a pivotal role in both preserving and celebrating the nation's profound legacy. Educational institutions across India have acknowledged the significance of incorporating cultural studies into their curricula, aiming to instill a profound appreciation for the country's traditions, values, and artistic expressions. This article delves into the current landscape of cultural education within Indian academic settings, shedding light on key initiatives, obstacles, and achievements.

The integration of cultural education in Indian schools and universities is indispensable for upholding the nation's diverse cultural legacy and fostering a



profound sense of identity and pride among students. Despite persistent challenges, the ongoing endeavors to embed cultural studies into the educational framework are commendable. By bridging the gap between tradition and modernity, Indian educational institutions are nurturing well-rounded individuals equipped with a deep appreciation for their cultural heritage, thereby preparing them to make meaningful contributions to an increasingly diverse and dynamic global society.

### Historical Context

India's educational system has always intertwined cultural education with academic learning. In ancient times, gurukuls and ashrams were centers of holistic learning where students were taught scriptures, philosophy, arts, and sciences. This tradition continued through various dynasties, evolving to include diverse





cultural influences.

## Schools and Sanskritik Education

In contemporary India, schools play a crucial role in introducing students to cultural education from an early age. The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 underscores the importance of integrating cultural studies into the school curriculum to instill a sense of identity and pride among students.

1. **\*Curriculum Integration\***: Many schools incorporate cultural subjects such as classical music, dance, theater, and traditional crafts into their regular curriculum. Textbooks often include chapters on Indian heritage, folklore, and festivals, ensuring that students receive a well-rounded education.

2. **\*Extracurricular Activities\***: Schools organize various extracurricular activities like cultural fests, art exhibitions, and workshops. Organizations such as SPIC MACAY (Society for the Promotion of Indian Classical Music And Culture Amongst Youth) collaborate with schools to provide students with exposure to classical arts through performances and interactive sessions with renowned artists.

3. **\*Language Preservation\***: Emphasis is also placed on the study of regional languages and Sanskrit, which are crucial for understanding ancient texts and local traditions. Many schools offer these languages as part of their curriculum, fostering linguistic diversity and cultural continuity.



## Universities and Sanskritik Education

Universities in India have taken significant steps to preserve and promote cultural education at a higher level. They offer specialized programs and courses that delve deeper into various aspects of Indian culture.

1. **\*Dedicated Departments and Institutes\***: Many universities have established dedicated departments for Indian classical music, dance, fine arts, and traditional crafts. Institutes like the National School of Drama, the Sangeet Natak Akademi, and various state universities are prominent examples.

2. **\*Research and Preservation\***: Universities play a pivotal role in the research and preservation of India's cultural heritage. They conduct research on traditional art forms, document oral histories, and work on the preservation of ancient manuscripts. These efforts ensure that invaluable cultural knowledge is passed down to future generations.

3. **\*Interdisciplinary Approach\***: Some universities have adopted an interdisciplinary approach, integrating

cultural studies with other academic disciplines such as history, sociology, and anthropology. This holistic approach provides students with a comprehensive understanding of the cultural context of their studies.

4. **\*Cultural Exchanges and Collaborations\***: Universities often engage in cultural exchange programs with institutions worldwide. These collaborations help students and faculty gain a broader perspective on cultural studies, fostering a global appreciation for

India's heritage.

## Challenges and Opportunities

While significant progress has been made, challenges remain in promoting Sanskritik education in Indian schools and universities.

1. **\*Resource Constraints\***: Many institutions face limitations in terms of funding, infrastructure, and access to trained faculty. Addressing these issues requires concerted efforts from both government and private sectors.

2. **\*Balancing Modernity and Tradition\***: Integrating cultural education with contemporary academic demands can be challenging. There is a need to strike a balance between traditional knowledge and modern skills to ensure holistic development.

3. **\*Awareness and Appreciation\***: There is a continuous need to raise awareness about the importance of cultural education among students, parents, and educators. Initiatives that highlight the relevance of cultural heritage in today's world can help in this regard.

# The Ministry of **Education** initiates a **nationwide crusade** advocating for tobacco-free education

**T**he Ministry of Education has introduced an expansive strategy to establish tobacco-free educational institutions nationwide. India, the globe's second-largest consumer and producer of tobacco, confronts a substantial public health dilemma with tobacco usage contributing to around 1.35 million deaths annually.

The Global Youth Tobacco Survey (GYTS) of 2019 disclosed that 8.5 percent of school students aged 13 to 15 indulge in various forms of tobacco consumption. On World No Tobacco Day, commemorated on May 31, 2024, the Department of School

Education & Literacy unveiled the "ToFEI Implementation Manual." This guide, crafted under the auspices of the National Tobacco Control Programme (NTCP), aims to direct schools in adhering to Tobacco Free Educational Institution (ToFEI) directives.

The initiative delineates several pivotal steps for adoption in schools nationwide, including the installation of "Tobacco Free Area" signage within school precincts, proscribing any traces of tobacco use on campus, hosting regular tobacco control initiatives, and appointing "Tobacco Monitors" from among the faculty. Furthermore, the blueprint mandates a

100-yard tobacco-free perimeter around educational facilities.

The Secretary of the Department of School Education & Literacy underscored the imperative role of civil society engagement in raising awareness. States and Union Territories are urged to leverage School Management Committees, National Social Service, and the Vidyanjali-School Volunteer Initiative to enlist the support of NGOs and expert individuals in anti-tobacco endeavors.

This multi-pronged strategy aims to cultivate a nurturing milieu where students can withstand tobacco temptations and endorse healthier lifestyle selections.





# "Modernizing Indian Criminal Justice System Reforms Unveiling The New Victim-Centric Criminal Laws"

**U**nion Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah, convened a comprehensive press conference in New Delhi to announce and elaborate on three groundbreaking new criminal laws, highlighting their pivotal focus on victim-centricity and justice reform.

These laws represent the culmination of an extensive four-year consultation process with diverse stakeholders, marking a historic milestone in the legislative history of independent India. This thorough deliberation underscores their meticulous design to address contemporary societal challenges effectively.

Foremost among the reforms is the explicit prioritization of combating crimes against women and children. This commitment is substantiated by the introduction of a dedicated chapter within the laws specifically targeting offenses directed at these vulnerable groups.

Upon full enactment, these legislative measures are poised to position India's justice system among the most advanced globally. Integral to their design is the seamless integration of state-of-the-art

technology, ensuring they remain adaptive and responsive to evolving technological landscapes over the next five decades.

Accessibility is also a key principle of the new laws, which will be available in all eight scheduled languages of the Indian Constitution. Legal proceedings will be conducted in these languages to facilitate comprehension and participation across diverse linguistic communities.

In a strategic overhaul, outdated sections that posed procedural impediments have been removed, while new provisions have been meticulously crafted to enhance relevance and effectiveness.

The overarching ethos of the new laws is centered on justice rather than mere punitive measures. They prioritize expeditious trials and swift delivery of justice, aiming to safeguard the rights of victims and significantly reduce delays in legal proceedings.

To enforce accountability and efficiency, the laws stipulate strict deadlines for the completion of all legal procedures. This initiative is expected to eliminate prolonged waits for justice, ensuring timely resolution of cases up to the Supreme Court within three years from the filing of an FIR.

In a progressive move, the colonial-era sedition law has been repealed, reflecting a commitment to modernize and align legislative frameworks with contemporary democratic values.

Clarifying misconceptions, Shri Amit Shah emphasized that the remand period remains unchanged at fifteen days, countering false assertions to the contrary.

Further bolstering investigative rigor, the laws mandate forensic investigations for offenses carrying sentences of seven years or more. This measure is anticipated to expedite judicial processes and enhance conviction rates, aiming to achieve a notable 90% success rate.

In preparation for the implementation of these transformative reforms, the Ministry has exceeded its training goals. Over 23,000 master trainers have been equipped to educate approximately 22.5 lakh policemen nationwide, surpassing the initial target of 12,000 trainers.

In essence, these new laws represent a landmark endeavor to modernize India's criminal justice system, ensuring fairness, efficiency, and comprehensive protection of rights for all citizens.



# The Role of **Aviation** in Global Connectivity: Bridging Continents and Cultures



The aviation industry is a linchpin of global connectivity, enabling economic growth, cultural exchange, and international collaboration. The top airlines highlighted in this article play a pivotal role in connecting people and places, making the world more accessible than ever before.

**A**viation has revolutionised the way we experience the world, connecting continents, cultures, and economies with unprecedented speed and efficiency. This transformative industry plays a crucial role in global connectivity, fostering international trade, tourism, and cultural exchange. In this article, we delve into the profound impact of aviation on global connectivity and highlight the top airlines that excel in bridging the world. As aviation continues to evolve, its impact on global connectivity will only grow, further bridging the gaps between continents and cultures and fostering a more interconnected and harmonious world.

## The Impact of Aviation on Global Connectivity

Aviation has significantly reduced travel time between distant locations, making the world more accessible. This enhanced



connectivity has far-reaching implications across various sectors:

- **Economic Growth:** Aviation supports global trade by enabling the swift transport of goods, contributing to economic development. Air cargo services allow for the rapid movement of high-value and perishable items, ensuring markets remain well-supplied and businesses can thrive.

- **Tourism:** The aviation industry is a cornerstone of the global tourism sector, facilitating the movement of millions of travellers each year. Tourism not only boosts local economies but also promotes cultural exchange and understanding.

- **Cultural Exchange:** By connecting people from different backgrounds, aviation fosters cultural exchange and broadens horizons. It allows individuals to experience diverse cultures, cuisines, and traditions, promoting global harmony and tolerance.

- **Humanitarian Aid:** Aviation plays a vital role in delivering humanitarian aid





Istanbul, the airline leverages Turkey's geographic advantage to connect Europe, Asia, Africa, and the Americas efficiently.

- Singapore Airlines: Singapore Airlines is celebrated for its premium service and extensive connectivity. The airline serves



during emergencies. Rapid air transport ensures that aid reaches affected areas quickly, saving lives and alleviating suffering in times of crisis.

- Education and Collaboration: Aviation enables international educational opportunities and collaborative research. Students, academics, and professionals can travel easily for conferences, studies, and partnerships, advancing knowledge and innovation.

## Top Airlines Connecting the World

Several airlines have distinguished themselves as leaders in global connectivity, offering extensive route networks that link numerous countries. Here are some of the top airlines renowned for their role in connecting the world:

- Emirates: Based in Dubai, Emirates operates one of the largest and most diverse route networks in the world. With flights to over 150 destinations across six continents, Emirates is a key player in global connectivity. The airline's strategic location in the Middle East allows it to serve as a major hub for international travel.

- Qatar Airways: Qatar Airways, headquartered in Doha, is known for its extensive global reach. The airline connects more than 160 destinations worldwide, offering seamless travel options for passengers. Qatar Airways' commitment to service excellence and modern fleet make it a preferred choice for long-haul travellers.



- Turkish Airlines: Turkish Airlines boasts a remarkable route network that spans over 300 destinations in more than 120 countries. Operating from its hub in

over 130 destinations in 40 countries, linking Asia with the rest of the world. Singapore Airlines' Changi Airport hub is a major gateway for international travellers.



- British Airways: As the flag carrier of the United Kingdom, British Airways operates an extensive network that connects over 180 destinations in more than 80 countries. London Heathrow Airport serves as a pivotal hub for the airline, facilitating travel between Europe, the Americas, Asia, and Africa.

- Air France-KLM: The Air France-KLM group combines the strengths of two major European airlines, offering an extensive network that covers over 300 destinations in 115 countries. The dual hubs of Paris Charles de Gaulle and Amsterdam Schiphol are key transit points for international travellers.

- Lufthansa: Germany's Lufthansa is a leading global carrier with a vast route network spanning over 200 destinations in 80 countries. The airline's Frankfurt and Munich hubs are central to its operations, providing critical connections between Europe and the rest of the world.





- **United Airlines:** United Airlines, one of the largest carriers in the United States, connects over 350 destinations worldwide. With hubs in major American cities such as Chicago, Houston, and Newark, United Airlines offers extensive connectivity across the Americas, Europe, and Asia.

- **Delta Air Lines:** Delta Air Lines operates an expansive network with flights to over 300 destinations in more than 50 countries. The airline's hubs in Atlanta, New York, and Los Angeles serve as vital gateways for international travel, enhancing connectivity between North America and the rest of the world.

- **American Airlines:** As another major U.S. carrier, American Airlines connects passengers to over 350 destinations in 50 countries. The airline's extensive network and multiple hubs, including Dallas/Fort Worth and Miami, facilitate seamless global travel.

# Most Luxurious Private Retreats Around the Globe

Whether you are a couple looking for a private romantic retreat or a seasoned traveller who would love some peace and relaxation away from the hustle and bustle of the city. From a stylish villa in the island of Corfu to a whole island retreat in the Anambas archipelago, here is a lowdown on the 5 most private retreats in the world.

## The Beach House at Patina Maldives

Luxuriously spread over two storeys, the three-bedroom Beach House at Patina Maldives is the very definition of contemporary living as envisioned by award-winning Brazilian architect Marcio Kogan. Reclaim your day with stretches of room for wellness activities; or indulge in the very best of the resort's culinary finesse with a spacious bar and kitchen to host as your own. All within a private, cosy enclave that is a mere stone's throw from all that makes Patina special.



The Beach House offers a rooftop terrace and a large private 21m pool set within the lush green of an enormous tropical garden, the perfect setting to gather with family and friends. Ground floor houses an open-concept bar and dining space. The second floor features a large outdoor dining deck. There is an outdoor campfire space with an expansive covered entertainment area.

The Beach House features both indoor and outdoor family dining with a private chef on request and provides the utmost privacy of all the accommodations at Patina Maldives.



## Ultima Corfu, Greece

The island of Corfu has long stolen the hearts of travellers, but it is Ultima Corfu's multi-tiered villa that makes a journey here all the more special. Step through this doorway to heaven and discover paradise. Tranquility is the first word that springs to mind when you think of Ultima Corfu. Arrive by boat to this authentic Greek villa's private dock and enjoy utter seclusion for up to 12 guests. The deep blue waters beyond are inescapable, with the property boasting 180-degree views of the Greek and Albanian coasts.



villa has two heated infinity pools on two different levels, plus an impressive waterfall, spa, a mosaic-tiled hammam with stone seating, and a Jacuzzi.

Watch lobster tails searing on the barbeque, enjoy the Luxury Ultima Breakfast served by the pool, and taste traditional Greek delicacies as the sun sets. Ultima Corfu's mouth-watering dining experiences are best served with the sounds of the waves crashing below. Expect a blend of Mediterranean-inspired dishes and seafood delicacies fresh from the sea you're overlooking. With a uniquely talented chef at your service, you will receive tailored culinary experiences focusing on dining al fresco.

Ultima Corfu sits above and beyond. It was designed in an understatedly stylish manner so that Corfu's backdrop can speak for itself. A fusion of pale woods, honeyed hues and milky stone, set against the dazzling backdrop of nature makes it feel otherworldly. From the gym to the cinema room to the hilltop jacuzzi and the two infinity pools, you'll be drawn back year after year. Recount the day's events with loved ones in the heart of the villa or while sharing a bottle of wine in one of the sea-facing terraces. And there are six suites, each comprising a private dressing room, bathroom and, of course, views that will make your heart sing.

Wellness is very much on the menu, and you can expect personalised touches that will make your stay exceptional. The







## Villa Nina at Eden Rock – St Barths

Villa Nina is an unbelievably beautiful 3 suited ultraluxe house perfectly situated bang on the beach. Its exceptional privacy and quality is teamed with Eden Rock and Oetker Collection's refined hospitality. Dedicated Chef & Butler service is provided around the clock linking the house with Eden Rock's total luxury hotel services. The newly rebuilt and remodeled contemporary accommodation includes fabulous detailing, perfect cuisine, superb housekeeping and an outstanding art collection displayed within Villa Nina's Private Gallery. Oversized doors and windows open directly onto the bay of St Jean with wonderful views of the ocean and the horizon. The villa has a private pool and spa pool plus three large king-sized suites and large indoor and outdoor areas to relax upon.

Villa Nina is rentable twinned with Villa Rockstar next door together making 9 superb double suites plus everything anybody reasonably might wish for. Visit and check it all out. At 9 suites and 18 people together it's one of the world's greatest beachside houses and is perfect for fine family reunions or weddings or round number birthdays or other anniversaries...or whatever to remember forever.





## Cheval Blanc Randheli Private Island, Maldives

A breathtaking haven away from the rest, Cheval Blanc Randheli Private Island is the purest expression of exclusive privacy. Meet the new definition of exquisite island living here. Cheval Blanc Randheli Private Island sprawls across a 1-ha dedicated island, accessible from a private berth and jetty. This four-bedroom villa with over 2,200 sqm is the epitome of lush, modern island living with exceptional indoor and outdoor spaces, a dedicated team of Ambassadeurs and a vibrant array of tailored services and amenities.

In the main house, three light-filled successive reception rooms border a 25-metre-long swimming pool, inviting guests to musical interludes around a grand piano, blissful relaxation on the multiple sofas and loungers or a festive cocktail party around the private bar. The impressive master suite offers unparalleled bird's-eye panoramas of the sea, double bathrooms, dressing rooms, office and lounge areas. Two guest bedrooms feature grand bathrooms, dressing rooms and terraces, ideal for children. A separate guest villa with spacious indoor and outdoor spaces is perfect for travelling companions seeking a high sense of privacy.

Fine crafts, bespoke furniture and artwork enhance the interiors of this unparalleled villa. Outside, various terraces, tropical gardens, private beaches, an al-fresco dining pergola, and meditation pavilions bring relaxation to the tropical setting. A private spa treatment room, fitness centre and screening room complete this ultimate island stay.

Cheval Blanc's exquisite Art de Recevoir ensures a truly memorable experience for guests of the Cheval Blanc Randheli Private Island. Overseen by a dedicated team – available 24/7 and housed on premises – guests will be pampered by tailored activities and unforgettable experiences that are made-to-measure to meet every individuals' wish.







## Elang Private Residence at Bawah Reserve Indonesia

Elang Private Residence is part of Bawah Reserve, a resort comprising six pristine islands 160 miles northeast of Singapore in Indonesian waters. Developed as the owner's holiday home, Elang is open exclusively for buyouts. With expansive views of the ocean and turquoise lagoons from every lodge, it offers the ultimate private island experience. Each of Elang's beautifully appointed lodges provides a unique perspective of paradise and is designed for comfort and privacy with full width outdoor balconies, living and dining areas and two bathrooms.



Encircled by coral reefs in vibrant turquoise waters and blanketed by a variety of native trees, Elang Private Residence

islands by foot or by boat, be pampered or re-energised at Kayu Spa or dive into one or more of our many adventurous activities, Elang is your perfect launchpad.

Dining on Elang is a culinary adventure that is bespoke to each guest's wishes. You may prefer to be surprised and delighted each day by the chef's choice options, to make each meal utterly indulgent. Elang caters to all tastes. Whether you have an adventurous palate or dietary preferences, the team will work with you to ensure a memorable dining experience.

Elang's chefs rise to the occasion, tailoring cuisine inspired by the natural surroundings and the four elements – fire, water, earth and air. Island woods smoulder in wood-fired



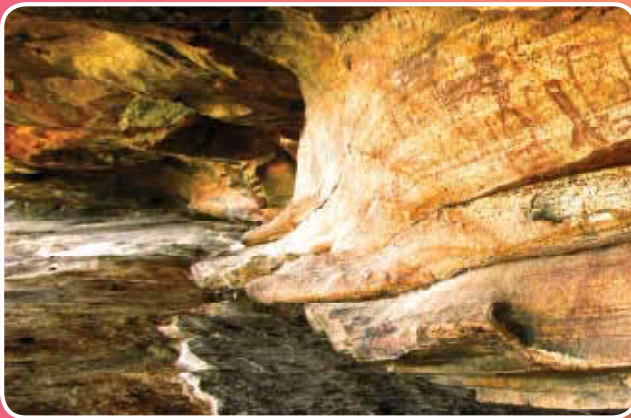
ovens to impart a distinctive smokiness to meats; freshly caught local seafood is seasoned with salt harvested from the same ocean; permaculture gardens yield delectable organic vegetables, while the island clay features in plancha cooking; infusions of air-dried fruits and herbs enhance the botanical cocktails. Working in symphony, they all imbue the menus with the subtle yet resonant flavours of these islands.

Elang guests may choose from a variety of dining venues: The Club House, the Owner's Lounge, The Beach House, at any of the venues on Bawah Island. Or dine in-lodge, or at one of the resort's exquisite destination dining locations.



# *Rock Painting*

*Earliest attempt by human beings to depict their natural world symbolically*





# Top **Adventure Brands** Leading the Way in 2024

**A**s the thirst for adventure continues to surge globally, several brands have emerged as pioneers in the adventure industry, offering unparalleled experiences, innovative gear, and sustainable practices. Here, we spotlight the top adventure brands of 2024 that are setting new benchmarks in the world of outdoor exploration.

In 2024, these top adventure brands are leading the way with their innovative products, sustainable practices, and commitment to enhancing the adventure experience. Whether you're a seasoned explorer or a newcomer to the world of outdoor activities, these brands offer the quality and reliability needed to embark on your next great adventure. As they continue to evolve and push boundaries, the future of adventure looks brighter than ever.



## Patagonia

Patagonia has long been a leader in both the adventure and environmental sectors. Known for its high-quality outdoor apparel and gear, the brand is equally renowned for its commitment to sustainability. In 2024, Patagonia continues to push the envelope with its cutting-edge materials and responsible manufacturing processes. Their "Worn Wear" initiative encourages customers to buy used gear and trade in their old items, promoting a circular economy and reducing environmental impact.

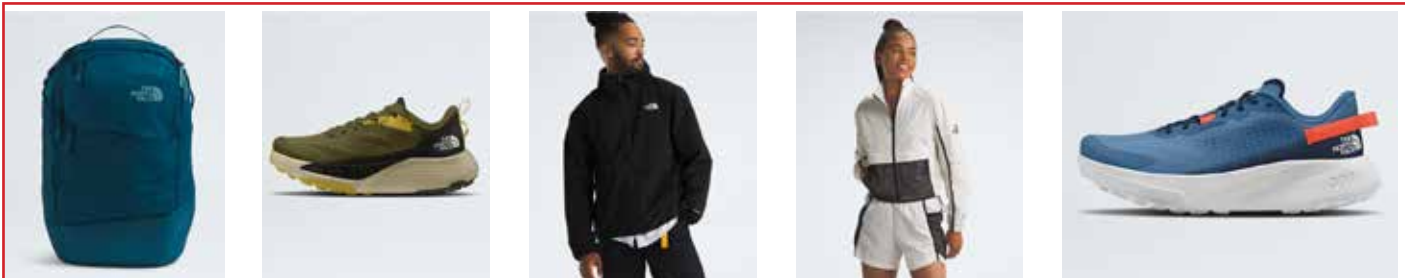






## The North Face

The North Face remains a staple for adventurers, offering a broad range of outdoor equipment and clothing designed for extreme conditions. This year, the brand has launched the "Exploration Without Compromise" line, featuring products made from recycled materials and eco-friendly technologies. Their continued investment in research and development ensures that adventurers are equipped with the best possible gear for any expedition.



## GoPro

For capturing every thrilling moment, GoPro stands out as the go-to brand for adventure enthusiasts. Their latest release, the GoPro Hero12 Black, boasts advanced features such as HyperSmooth 4.0 stabilisation and waterproof capabilities up to 33 feet. This allows adventurers to document their experiences in stunning detail, whether scaling mountains or diving into the deep sea.



## REI Co-op

REI Co-op is not just a retailer but a community for outdoor lovers. Known for their high-quality products and excellent customer service, REI continues to innovate with their in-house brand and exclusive partnerships. Their "Opt Outside" campaign, which encourages people to spend Black Friday outdoors, reflects their dedication to promoting an active lifestyle. Additionally, REI's Adventure Travel service offers curated trips to some of the most beautiful and remote locations on the planet.



## Black Diamond

Black Diamond is a favourite among climbers, skiers, and mountain athletes. Their commitment to performance and safety is evident in every product, from harnesses to avalanche probes. This year, Black Diamond introduced the Vision Helmet, which combines lightweight design with superior protection, setting a new standard for climbing safety gear.







## Columbia Sportswear

Columbia Sportswear continues to be a trusted name for adventurers of all kinds. Their Omni-Heat Infinity collection, featuring advanced thermal reflective technology, has been a game-changer for cold-weather adventures. Columbia's commitment to making the outdoors accessible and enjoyable for everyone is reflected in their diverse range of products and inclusive sizing options.



## Garmin

Garmin remains at the forefront of adventure navigation technology. Their latest GPS devices and smartwatches, such as the Fenix 7 series, offer unrivalled precision and durability. With features like solar charging and comprehensive health tracking, Garmin ensures that adventurers are well-prepared for any challenge nature throws their way.





## YETI

YETI's high-performance coolers and drinkware have become essential for outdoor enthusiasts. Known for their durability and exceptional insulation, YETI products are perfect for keeping provisions fresh during long adventures. Their commitment to quality and rugged design makes them a favourite among campers, hikers, and hunters.



## Salomon

Salomon excels in creating gear for trail running, hiking, and skiing. Their Sense Ride 5 trail running shoes, with enhanced grip and cushioning, have been particularly well-received by the adventure community. Salomon's dedication to innovation and performance ensures that their products meet the demands of the most challenging terrains.







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