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Revision time: 60–90 minutes · 30 practice questions with full explanations

(A Comprehensive Exam Perspective)

To the Aspirant

PREFACE

A Prime Minister's Independence Day address is set by UPSC, SSC, the banking and railway boards, every State PSC and CUET — usually within the year, usually as a one-mark factual question. It is also hard to prepare from, because what circulates afterwards is **coverage, not content**. This handout was built the other way round: from the official text released by the Press Information Bureau and the Prime Minister's Office, with every scheme, figure and institution then checked against the Ministry that runs it. That checking changed the document, and you should know how.

Three Things This Handout Does Differently

- 1. It separates the spoken figure from the official figure.** A speech rounds numbers; an answer key does not. Twelve figures here differ from the Ministry's published number. Both versions sit side by side under Source and Fact-Check Note, with a plain instruction on which to write in the hall.
- 2. It separates a new announcement from a restated one.** Only three things were genuinely announced on 15 August 2026. Mission Sudarshan Chakra, the six-crore Lakhpati Didi target and the anti-drug programme all pre-date the address — which is exactly what a question tests when it says "announced in this speech".
- 3. It omits what could not be verified.** Several claims widely attributed to this address are not in it — no Gaganyaan, no lunar mission, no space station, no GST, no named hypersonic programme. They have been left out rather than repeated with a warning label.

How to Use It

- First pass, twenty minutes.** Speech at a Glance, Speech in 60 Seconds and Top 25 Exam Takeaways — most of what a one-mark question can ask.
- Second pass, thirty minutes.** Major Themes, Numbers That Can Be Asked in Exams, and Schemes, Missions and Programmes. Learn the number-pairs — 25 to 100 crore, 2 to 160 GW, 3 to 6 crore — as pairs, never singly.
- Third pass, thirty minutes.** Attempt the thirty questions before reading the explanations, then read Connect the Dots — where the speech meets the static syllabus.
- Revision, five minutes.** Last-Minute Revision — built to be the only page you open on the morning of the paper.

MUST REMEMBER

The coloured boxes carry meaning. EXAM ALERT — likely to be asked. MUST REMEMBER — commonly got wrong. STATIC GK LINK — ties the news to your standing syllabus. NUMBER ALERT — memorise exactly. CONCEPT LINK — why it matters. FACT-CHECK CAUTION — the popular version is wrong.

One caution: current affairs decay. Re-check any figure marked "as stated" against the concerned Ministry if you sit a paper long after the compilation date. **The address will not change; the statistics around it will.**

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80th Independence Day Prime Minister's Address from the Red Fort

A revision handout built from the official text of the address, not a summary of it. Every figure below is traced to a Government of India source; where the figure spoken from the Red Fort differs from the figure published by the concerned Ministry, **both are printed and the difference is flagged** — because an examiner will set the question from the official figure.

Speech at a Glance

Particular	Detail
Occasion	80th Independence Day of India
Date	Saturday, 15 August 2026
Venue / Flag-hoisting	Ramparts of the Red Fort (Lal Qila), New Delhi
Speaker	Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi
Which address	His 13th consecutive Independence Day address from the Red Fort (2014–2026)
Duration	About 75 minutes — his shortest in four years. His longest remains 103 minutes (2025), the longest by any Indian Prime Minister.
Official theme	Twin theme — “150 Years of Vande Mataram” and “Yuva Shakti for Viksit Bharat@2047”
Guard of Honour	One officer and 24 personnel each from the Army, Navy, Air Force and Delhi Police; commanded by Lt Col Arjun Singh
21-Gun Salute	1721 Field Battery (Ceremonial), using indigenous 105 mm Light Field Guns
Flypast	Two Mi-17 helicopters of the IAF showering flower petals — one carrying the National Flag, the other a Vande Mataram banner

Particular	Detail
Special guests	About 5,000 invitees, including yoga volunteers, women entrepreneurs, sanitation workers, metro staff, artisans and farmers; over 1,500 persons in traditional State attire
Ceremonial first	Vande Mataram was rendered at the Red Fort Independence Day ceremony for the first time ever; 2,500 NCC cadets formed the words “वंदे मातरम्” on Gyanpath
Central message	Viksit Bharat by 2047 — built on a seven-stream framework the Prime Minister named “Sapt Dhara”

One-line Significance

The 80th Independence Day address was structured as a **roadmap document** rather than a review — it converted twelve years of claimed achievement into a named seven-stream strategy (**Sapt Dhara**) for reaching Viksit Bharat by 2047, and carried three fresh announcements: a new **civil defence network**, a nationwide **sports talent hunt for children aged 5–15**, and **free online coaching** for competitive examinations.

Headline Takeaways

- 1. Sapt Dhara.** Seven streams named as the engine of Viksit Bharat 2047 — Manufacturing Power, Agriculture & Food Production, Technology & Innovation, Gati Shakti, Raksha Shakti, Green & Blue Economy, and Soft Power.
- 2. New announcement — Civil Defence.** Existing civil defence declared “outdated”, built for “the wars of the last century”. A vibrant new network was announced from the Red Fort, aimed at protecting refineries, the banking system and data centres.
- 3. New announcement — Sports talent hunt.** A nationwide hunt in villages, cities and schools for sporting talent among children aged 5 to 15, explicitly linked to the 2036 Olympics bid.
- 4. New announcement — Free online coaching.** Free online coaching to be provided for young people preparing for various competitive examinations. No scheme name was announced.
- 5. Skilling target.** One crore young people to be trained in Artificial Intelligence skills within one year.
- 6. Energy.** 100 GW of nuclear capacity by 2047; five new nuclear reactors to be started within this decade; solar capacity cited as up from 2 GW to 160 GW.
- 7. Corporate ambition.** Fifty of the Fortune Global 500 companies to be from Bharat within the next decade — against about 10 today.
- 8. Women.** The three-crore Lakhpati Didi target declared surpassed and reset at six crore; all political parties urged to ensure 33 per cent representation for women in the Lok Sabha and Legislative Assemblies.

STATIC GK LINK

Independence Day terminology: the Prime Minister **hoists** the National Flag at the Red Fort on 15 August (the flag is pulled up from the bottom, symbolising the birth of a nation), while the President **unfurls** it at Rashtrapati Bhavan / Kartavya Path on 26 January (the flag is already at the top and is only opened). Flag display is governed by the **Flag Code of India, 2002** and the **Prevention of Insults to National Honour Act, 1971**.

Speech in 60 Seconds

Twenty-five scannable bullets in the form **Topic** → **Key fact** → **Exam focus**. Read this block first and last.

- **Core goal:** Viksit Bharat by 2047, the centenary of Independence; 140 crore citizens invoked as the delivery force. → **Exam focus:** Target year + slogan
- **Framework:** "Sapt Dhara" — seven streams of national power announced as the structure of the 2047 push. → **Exam focus:** Name + all seven streams in order
- **Poverty:** 25 crore citizens stated to have risen out of poverty. → **Exam focus:** NITI Aayog National MPI: 24.82 crore, 2013-14 to 2022-23
- **Economy:** India described as having moved from the "Fragile Five" to the fastest-growing major economy in 12 years. → **Exam focus:** Fragile Five — Morgan Stanley, 2013
- **Manufacturing:** Defence production up ~4x; electronics ~7x; Khadi & Village Industries ~5x; railway coaches 21x; mobile phones 35x. → **Exam focus:** Match multiple to sector
- **Digital:** Digital transactions up 100 times; internet users and patents granted each up ~4 times. → **Exam focus:** Multiple + UPI static GK
- **Semiconductors:** Three plants already started and exporting; five to eight more expected over the next 7–8 years. → **Exam focus:** Number + timeframe (a classic trap)
- **Nuclear:** SHANTI Act cited; target of 100 GW nuclear by 2047; five new reactors this decade; Fast Breeder technology mastered. → **Exam focus:** Act name + 100 GW + 2047
- **Offshore energy:** "Samudra Manthan" announced with an outlay stated as ₹85,000 crore; over 99% of former offshore "No-Go" areas opened. → **Exam focus:** Scheme + Ministry + outlay
- **Solar:** Solar capacity cited as 2 GW → 160 GW; over 50 lakh homes under PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana. → **Exam focus:** Scheme + subsidy amount
- **Gas:** Piped gas cities 70 → 700; piped-gas households from 20–22 lakh to about 1.75 crore. → **Exam focus:** Regulator: PNGRB
- **Railways:** Only ~30% of the network electrified in 90 years (1925–2015); ~70% added in the following decade. India's first hydrogen-powered train cited. → **Exam focus:** Electrification arithmetic
- **Defence exports:** Up almost 50 times; Indian weapons stated to be reaching about 100 countries. → **Exam focus:** Official figure: ₹38,424 crore, 80+ countries
- **Defence platform:** The Made-in-India C-295 transport aircraft has flown successfully. → **Exam focus:** Airbus + Tata, Vadodara

- **Security — new:** A vibrant civil defence network announced; refineries, banking and data centres named as modern war targets. → **Exam focus:** Only genuinely new security announcement
- **Naxalism:** Four decades of Naxalism ended; over 3,500 police and security personnel stated to have been martyred; “mental Naxals” warned against. → **Exam focus:** Naxal-free declaration: 31 March 2026
- **Women:** Lakhpati Didi target of 3 crore surpassed, reset at 6 crore; call for 33% women's representation in Lok Sabha and Assemblies. → **Exam focus:** Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam
- **Rural assets:** SVAMITVA cited as covering 3.25 crore families and unlocking ₹140 lakh crore of rural asset value. → **Exam focus:** Ministry of Panchayati Raj + drones
- **Welfare:** Social security cover expanded from 25 crore people before 2014 to 100 crore within a decade. → **Exam focus:** 25 → 100 crore is the headline pair
- **Health:** Ayushman Bharat free treatment up to ₹5 lakh, extended to all citizens aged 70 and above. → **Exam focus:** Ayushman Vay Vandana card
- **Youth & AI:** One crore youth to be trained in AI skills in one year; ₹1 lakh crore Research & Innovation Fund cited; 2.5 lakh-plus registered startups. → **Exam focus:** 1 crore + 1 year
- **Education:** Over 10,000 Atal Tinkering Labs; National Education Policy called the first in 35 years; free online coaching announced. → **Exam focus:** NEP 2020 + ATL
- **Sports:** Commonwealth Games 2030 to be hosted by India; strong bid for the 2036 Olympics; talent hunt for children aged 5–15. → **Exam focus:** Ahmedabad 2030 — centenary edition
- **Agriculture:** Urea supplied to farmers at a stated ₹300 a sack against a global ₹3,000; DAP at ₹1,350 against about ₹5,000; push for chemical-free farming. → **Exam focus:** Subsidy contrast
- **Governance & census:** “Reform Express” invoked for next-level reform; citizens urged to self-enumerate in India's first digital Census using their mobile phones. → **Exam focus:** Census 2027 + MHA

FACT-CHECK CAUTION

Two figures in this block are the Prime Minister's spoken numbers and differ from the Ministry's published numbers. Defence exports reached about 80-plus countries (not 100) per the Ministry of Defence, and the medical figure quoted as “seats” is in fact the count of medical colleges. The reconciliation table under Fact-Check & Source Note carries all such differences.

Major Themes of the Address

Theme 1 — Sapt Dhara: The Seven Streams

The organising idea of the speech. The Prime Minister named seven streams of national power that together carry India to 2047. Expect a direct question on the names, the order, or on which sector belongs to which stream.

#	Stream	What it covers, as stated
1	Manufacturing Power	Zero-defect precision manufacturing, cost efficiency, global scale; India as a trusted link in global supply chains. Mantra repeated: "Quality, Quality, Quality".
2	Agriculture & Food Production	Food processing, chemical-free farming, farm-to-export value chains, traditional foods, millets, spices, fruits and flowers for global markets.
3	Technology & Innovation	Artificial Intelligence, quantum computing, space, advanced robotics, data centres, Digital Public Infrastructure and Made-in-India 6G.
4	Gati Shakti	Seamless multimodal logistics — high-speed rail, highways, inland waterways, airports and port-led development.
5	Raksha Shakti	Defence self-reliance: drones and counter-drone systems, hypersonic defence technologies, cyber security, next-generation platforms.
6	Green & Blue Economy	Green hydrogen, renewables, energy storage, green mobility and green manufacturing; fisheries, ocean technology, coastal tourism.
7	Soft Power	Yoga, Ayurveda and the "Heal in India" movement; handicrafts, culture, films, VFX, animation, gaming and digital content; tourism, sports, the concert economy, WAVES Summit.

MUST REMEMBER

Mnemonic for the seven streams in order — **MAT-GRGS** : Manufacturing · Agriculture · Technology · Gati Shakti · Raksha Shakti · Green & Blue · Soft Power. Note that two of the seven carry Hindi names in the official text — **Gati Shakti** and **Raksha Shakti**.

Theme 2 — Economy, Manufacturing and Reform

- From Fragile Five to fastest-growing.** India was placed in the "Fragile Five" in 2013; the address claimed a reversal within 12 years to the status of a major and fastest-growing economy.
- Twelve-year multiples.** Defence production ~4x, Khadi & Village Industries ~5x, electronics ~7x, railway coaches 21x, mobile phones 35x, patents 4x, internet users 4x, digital transactions 100x.

- 3. Bioeconomy.** Stated to have grown from ₹60,000 crore before 2014 to ₹20 lakh crore. The official India BioEconomy Report 2026 places it at USD 195.3 billion, about 4.8% of GDP, with a USD 300 billion target for 2030.
- 4. Electric vehicles.** Annual sales cited as up from 1.5 lakh in 2009-10 to 25 lakh in 2025-26.
- 5. Reform Express.** Invoked as the vehicle for the next level of reform. It is an agenda framing first used at the Conference of Chief Secretaries in December 2025, not a notified scheme — do not treat it as a budget line.
- 6. Global corporate goal.** Fifty Fortune Global 500 companies from Bharat within a decade; Indian banks, pharma companies, law firms, rating agencies, consulting and accounting firms to reach the global top tier.

Theme 3 — Energy, Environment and the Blue Economy

- 1. Nuclear.** The SHANTI Act was cited; target of 100 GW by 2047; five new reactors to be started this decade; mastery of Fast Breeder Reactor technology and self-reliance in nuclear fuel claimed.
- 2. Samudra Manthan.** The National Offshore Exploration Scheme, with the outlay stated as ₹85,000 crore. Over 99 per cent of former offshore “No-Go” areas have been opened to exploration.
- 3. Solar.** Capacity cited as up from 2 GW to 160 GW; over 50 lakh households under PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana, with households now selling surplus power.
- 4. City gas.** Piped cooking gas extended from 70 cities to 700, and from 20–22 lakh households to about 1.75 crore.
- 5. Critical minerals.** The National Critical Mineral Mission was cited, along with a corridor for critical minerals announced in the Budget.
- 6. Blue economy.** Port-led development, fisheries, ocean technology and coastal tourism named as a distinct growth stream, with shrimp and seafood exports expanded by Free Trade Agreements.

Theme 4 — Youth, Education, Skills and Sports

- 1. Artificial Intelligence.** One crore young people to be trained in AI skills within one year — the single largest skilling number in the address.
- 2. Free online coaching.** Announced for young people preparing for various examinations. No scheme name, ministry, outlay or timeline was given.
- 3. Higher education.** Universities described as approaching 1,000, with about 650 added in the last 10–12 years; the National Education Policy called the first such policy in 35 years; foreign universities now offering degrees within India.
- 4. Innovation.** Over 10,000 Atal Tinkering Labs; more than 2.5 lakh registered startups; a ₹1 lakh crore Research and Innovation Fund; private space startups with an average age of 28 succeeding on their first trial.
- 5. Sports.** Commonwealth Games 2030 to be hosted by India; a strong bid for the 2036 Olympics; TOPS, Khelo India Games, University Games, Winter Games and Beach Games cited; a new nationwide talent hunt for children aged 5–15.

- 6. Drugs.** A 100-week nationwide anti-drug programme was invoked, run through the MY Bharat platform, with drug-free India framed as a collective responsibility.

Theme 5 — Women, Welfare and Rural India

- 1. Lakhpati Didi.** The three-crore target declared surpassed; the new target is six crore, framed as a transformation of the rural economy.
- 2. Political representation.** All political parties urged to ensure 33 per cent representation for women in the Legislative Assemblies and the Lok Sabha — a call to operationalise the Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam.
- 3. Illustration used.** Tribal women manufacturing microchips at Sanand in Gujarat was the image chosen to describe women entering fields once considered inaccessible.
- 4. Social security.** Coverage expanded from 25 crore people before 2014 to 100 crore within a decade.
- 5. Health.** Ayushman Bharat cited for free treatment up to ₹5 lakh, extended to all citizens aged 70 and above irrespective of income.
- 6. SVAMITVA.** Drone-based village property mapping cited as covering 3.25 crore families and unlocking ₹140 lakh crore of asset value.

Theme 6 — Defence, Internal Security and Governance

- 1. Mission Sudarshan Chakra.** Announced in the 2025 address; work stated to be progressing rapidly. It is a three-layered national security shield targeted for 2035.
- 2. Civil defence.** The genuinely new security announcement — a vibrant civil defence network, because existing systems were built for the wars of the last century. Refineries, banking and data centres were named as new-age targets.
- 3. Naxalism.** Four decades of Left Wing Extremism declared effectively finished, with over 3,500 police and security personnel martyred; a warning was issued against “mental Naxals”.
- 4. Technology in defence.** Leadership sought in drones, counter-drone systems and hypersonic defence technologies; the National Drone Policy and the opening of the space sector cited.
- 5. Census.** Citizens, especially the young, urged to help their families self-enumerate in India's first digital Census using a mobile phone.
- 6. International position.** Free Trade Agreements with nearly 40 countries since 2014; the global disruptions of COVID-19, the Ukraine conflict and West Asia used to argue for self-reliance.

Major Announcements — What Was Actually New

Examiners separate a **new announcement** from a **restated achievement**. Only the first block below was announced for the first time from the Red Fort on 15 August 2026.

Table 1 — New announcements versus restated commitments

Status	Announcement	Detail to remember
NEW — 15 Aug 2026	Vibrant civil defence network	Existing civil defence called outdated; new network to guard refineries, banking systems and data centres. No scheme name or outlay yet.
NEW — 15 Aug 2026	Nationwide sports talent hunt	Children aged 5 to 15, in villages, cities and schools; aimed at disciplines where India does not compete; linked to the 2036 Olympics. No official scheme name.
NEW — 15 Aug 2026	Free online coaching	For young people preparing for various competitive examinations. No name, ministry or outlay announced.
NEW target	1 crore youth trained in AI	Within one year of 15 August 2026.
NEW target	50 Fortune Global 500 firms from Bharat	Within the next decade; India currently has about 10.
Restated	Sapt Dhara framework	The seven streams were named and elaborated as the structure of the 2047 push.
Restated	Mission Sudarshan Chakra	Announced on 15 August 2025; the 2026 address only reported progress.
Restated	6 crore Lakhpati Didis	The doubled target was already in the public domain before the address; it was reiterated, not first announced.
Restated	100-week anti-drug programme	The Nasha Mukh Yuva for Viksit Bharat Sankalp Abhiyan was launched on 2 August 2026, two weeks before the address.
Restated	33% women's representation	A call to political parties to operationalise the Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam, 2023.

EXAM ALERT

The three items marked NEW — civil defence network, the 5–15 sports talent hunt, and free online coaching — are the highest-probability factual questions from this speech, precisely because none of them carries a scheme name. If an option offers you a plausible-sounding name for any of the three, it is a distractor.

Numbers That Can Be Asked in Exams

The Twenty Most Important Numbers

2047 Viksit Bharat target year	80th Independence Day observed	13th Consecutive Red Fort address	7 Streams in Sapt Dhara
100 GW Nuclear capacity target by 2047	5 New nuclear reactors this decade	₹85,000 cr Samudra Manthan, as stated	160 GW Solar capacity today
1 crore Youth to be AI-trained in a year	5–15 yrs Age band, sports talent hunt	6 crore New Lakhpati Didi target	33% Women's representation sought
25 → 100 cr Social security cover expansion	25 crore Citizens out of poverty	₹5 lakh Ayushman Bharat cover; 70+ included	50 Fortune 500 firms sought from Bharat
~40 Countries with FTAs since 2014	3 + (5–8) Semiconductor plants: running, coming	2030 / 2036 CWG hosted / Olympics bid	3,500+ Personnel martyred fighting Naxalism

Full Numerical Table

Table 2 — Every significant number in the address

Number	What it represents	Related topic	Exam potential
2047	Target year for Viksit Bharat; centenary of Independence	National goal	Very high
1,400 million (140 crore)	Citizens invoked as the delivery force	National goal	Moderate
25 crore	Citizens stated to have risen out of poverty	Poverty	Very high
100 crore	People now under social security cover, up from 25 crore before 2014	Social welfare	Very high
35 times	Growth in mobile phone production in 12 years	Manufacturing	High
21 times	Growth in railway coach production	Manufacturing	High
100 times	Growth in digital transactions	Digital India	Very high
≈7 times	Growth in electronics manufacturing	Manufacturing	High
≈5 times	Growth in Khadi and Village Industries production	MSME	Moderate

Number	What it represents	Related topic	Exam potential
≈4 times	Growth in defence production, internet users and patents granted	Defence / Digital	High
≈50 times	Growth in defence exports (official base: ₹686 crore in 2013-14 to ₹38,424 crore in 2025-26)	Defence	Very high
15 / 6 / 4 / 3 times faster	Annual pace of tap-water connections, gas connections, toilets and houses for the poor	Infrastructure	Moderate
30% and 70%	Railway electrification in the 90 years to 2015, and in the decade after	Railways	High
100 GW	Nuclear capacity target for 2047 (current capacity about 8.78 GW)	Energy	Very high
5	New nuclear reactors to be started this decade	Energy	High
₹85,000 crore	Samudra Manthan outlay as stated (Cabinet-approved: ₹84,084 crore)	Energy	Very high
99%	Share of former offshore "No-Go" areas now opened for exploration	Energy	High
2 GW → 160 GW	Solar capacity, 2014 to 2026	Renewables	Very high
50 lakh	Households under PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana	Renewables	High
70 → 700	Cities with piped cooking gas	Energy	Moderate
1.75 crore	Households with piped gas, as stated (official: 1.59 crore)	Energy	Moderate
3, then 5–8	Semiconductor plants running now, and expected over 7–8 years	Technology	Very high
1 crore	Young people to be trained in AI skills within one year	AI / Skilling	Very high
₹1 lakh crore	Research and Innovation Fund	Innovation	High
2.5 lakh+	Registered startups	Startups	High
28 years	Average age of the private space startup teams cited	Space	Moderate
10,000+	Atal Tinkering Labs	Education	High
≈650 / ≈1,000	Universities added in 10–12 years, and the number being approached	Education	Moderate
400 → 850	Medical colleges, 2014 to 2026 (official: 387 → 844)	Health education	Very high

Number	What it represents	Related topic	Exam potential
₹60,000 crore → ₹20 lakh crore	Bioeconomy, as stated	Biotechnology	High
1.5 lakh → 25 lakh	Annual electric vehicle sales, 2009-10 to 2025-26	Green mobility	Moderate
3 crore → 6 crore	Lakhpati Didi achievement and new target	Women	Very high
33%	Women's representation sought in Lok Sabha and Assemblies	Women	Very high
3.25 crore / ₹140 lakh crore	Families covered and asset value unlocked under SVAMITVA, as stated	Rural	High
₹5 lakh	Ayushman Bharat cover, extended to all aged 70 and above	Health	Very high
₹300 vs ₹3,000	Urea per sack for the Indian farmer against the global price	Agriculture	Very high
₹1,350 vs ₹5,000	DAP per bag for the Indian farmer against the global price	Agriculture	High
≈40	Countries with which India has entered FTAs since 2014	Trade	Very high
50	Fortune Global 500 companies sought from Bharat in a decade	Economy	Very high
3,500+	Police and security personnel martyred fighting Naxalism over four decades	Internal security	High
5–15 years	Age band for the new sports talent hunt	Sports	Very high
≈100 countries	Destinations of Indian defence exports, as stated (official: over 80)	Defence	High
75 minutes	Duration of the address; his longest was 103 minutes in 2025	Ceremonial	Moderate

NUMBER ALERT

The three number-pairs most likely to be tested as a pair, not singly: 25 crore → 100 crore (social security), 2 GW → 160 GW (solar), and 3 crore → 6 crore (Lakhpati Didi). Learn each as a pair with its scheme and ministry attached.

Dates and Years to Remember

Historical Anchors

1875	Vande Mataram composed by Bankim Chandra Chatterjee, first published on 7 November in Bangadarshan. Its 150th year was the twin theme of this Independence Day.
1882	Vande Mataram incorporated into the novel Anandamath.
1925	Railway electrification begins in India — the base year for the 30% / 70% comparison used in the address.
15 Aug 1947	India attains Independence. The 80th anniversary falls on 15 August 2026.
24 Jan 1950	Vande Mataram adopted as the National Song by the Constituent Assembly, to be honoured equally with Jana Gana Mana.
1968	The Civil Defence Act enacted — the statute behind the civil defence announcement.

Recent Milestones Behind the Speech

2013	India placed in the "Fragile Five" by Morgan Stanley — the starting point of the economic narrative.
2020	SVAMITVA launched on 24 April, National Panchayati Raj Day; Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyaan launched on 15 August.
2021	India Semiconductor Mission approved in December with a ₹76,000 crore outlay; Panchamrit announced at COP26, Glasgow.
2023	Nari Shakti Vandana Adhiniyam enacted; Jan Vishwas Act passed; International Year of Millets.
2024	PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana launched on 13 February; IndiaAI Mission approved in March; National Mission on Natural Farming launched in November.
Jan 2025	National Critical Mineral Mission approved by the Cabinet on 29 January, ₹34,300 crore over seven years.
15 Aug 2025	Mission Sudarshan Chakra announced from the Red Fort, with 2035 as its horizon.
Dec 2025	The SHANTI Act completes its passage through Parliament; "Reform Express" first used at the Conference of Chief Secretaries.
Feb 2026	India AI Impact Summit held at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi — the first of the series hosted in the Global South.
31 Mar 2026	India declared effectively free of Naxalism, meeting the deadline set by the Union Home Minister.
6 Apr 2026	The Prototype Fast Breeder Reactor at Kalpakkam attains first criticality — the basis of the Fast Breeder claim.

1 Apr 2026	Houselisting phase of Census 2027, India's first digital Census, begins.
10 Jun 2026	The first Made-in-India C-295 completes its maiden flight from Vadodara.
17 Jul 2026	India's first indigenous hydrogen-powered train flagged off on the Jind–Sonipat section.
2 Aug 2026	Nasha Mukh Yuva for Viksit Bharat Sankalp Abhiyan launched — the 100-week programme referred to in the address.
9–17 Aug 2026	Har Ghar Tiranga 2026, the campaign's fifth year, including the Suryapath Tiranga global relay across 54 Indian missions.
15 Aug 2026	The 80th Independence Day address from the Red Fort.

Target Years Stated or Implied

2027	Population Enumeration phase of Census 2027, with 1 March 2027 as the reference date.
By 2027	One crore young people to have been trained in AI skills (one year from the address).
2029	The six-crore Lakhpati Didi target; defence exports target of ₹50,000 crore.
2030	Commonwealth Games to be hosted by India at Ahmedabad — the centenary edition; Panchamrit target of 500 GW non-fossil capacity; India's 6G ambition.
By 2034	Five nuclear reactors to be started "within this decade"; five to eight more semiconductor plants over 7–8 years; 50 Fortune Global 500 companies from Bharat "within the next decade".
2035	Horizon for Mission Sudarshan Chakra.
2036	Olympic Games — India's declared bid, and the reason for the 5–15 talent hunt.
2047	Viksit Bharat; 100 GW of nuclear capacity; centenary of Independence.
2070	India's Net Zero commitment under Panchamrit — the outer boundary of the green agenda.

Schemes, Missions and Programmes

Only schemes actually named in or directly carried by the address appear here. The last column is what an aspirant is most likely to be asked, not a summary.

Table 3 — Schemes and missions carried by the address

Scheme Mission	Ministry Body	Objective	Target / Key feature	Year	Exam keyword
Samudra Manthan	Petroleum & Natural Gas	De-risk offshore exploration; officially the National Offshore	Outlay ₹84,084 crore; output 62 → 80 MMTOE a year; over 99% of offshore No-Go areas opened	2026	₹85,000 crore, offshore

Scheme Mission /	Ministry Body /	Objective	Target / Key feature	Year	Exam keyword
		Exploration Scheme			
PM Surya Ghar Yojana	New & Renewable Energy	Rooftop solar and free electricity for households	1 crore households by March 2027; maximum central subsidy ₹78,000 for 3 kW; 50 lakh-plus already covered	2024	13 February 2024
National Critical Mineral Mission	Mines	Secure the full critical-mineral value chain	₹34,300 crore over seven years; about 100 blocks to be auctioned by 2030-31	2025	Mineral, singular
India Semiconductor Mission	MeitY	Build a domestic semiconductor ecosystem	₹76,000 crore; fabs and OSATs at Dholera, Sanand, Jagiroad, Jewar, Bhubaneswar, Mohali	2021	3 plants running
IndiaAI Mission	MeitY	Build India's AI stack	₹10,371.92 crore; seven pillars; the base for the one-crore AI skilling target	2024	Seven pillars
Ayushman Bharat PM-JAY	Health & Family Welfare	Cashless secondary and tertiary hospitalisation	₹5 lakh per family a year; Ayushman Vay Vandana card for all aged 70+	2018	23 September 2018
Lakhpati Didi	Rural Development (DAY-NRLM)	Rural women with a sustained annual income of ₹1 lakh or more	3 crore achieved; new target 6 crore by 2029	2023	3 → 6 crore
SVAMITVA	Panchayati Raj	Drone-based mapping of inhabited village land	Property cards to village households; surveyed with Survey of India	2020	24 April 2020
Nasha Mukta Yuva Sankalp Abhiyan	Youth Affairs & Sports	Youth-led anti-drug movement run through MY Bharat	100 weeks, activities every Sunday; launched 2 August 2026	2026	100 weeks
Mission Sudarshan Chakra	Defence	A national security shield	Three-layered defensive and offensive shield, horizon 2035;	2025	2035

Scheme Mission /	Ministry / Body	Objective	Target / Key feature	Year	Exam keyword
			announced 15 August 2025		
Khelo India / TOPS	Youth Affairs & Sports	Grassroots sport and Olympic podium preparation	Khelo India Games, University, Winter and Beach Games; the new 5–15 talent hunt sits alongside these	2016–17	Talent hunt 5–15
Startup India	DPIIT	Startup ecosystem	More than 2.5 lakh registered startups; ₹1 lakh crore Research and Innovation Fund	2016	2.5 lakh
Atal Tinkering Labs (AIM)	NITI Aayog	School innovation laboratories	More than 10,000 labs	2016	NITI Aayog
Har Ghar Tiranga	Culture	Citizen flag campaign	9–17 August 2026, fifth year; Suryapath Tiranga relay across 54 Indian missions in about 19 hours	2022	Suryapath Tiranga
Census 2027	Home Affairs (RGI)	India's first digital Census	Houselisting from April 2026; reference date 1 March 2027; optional self-enumeration online	2026–27	Census Act, 1948

EXAM ALERT

Samudra Manthan is the single most likely new-scheme question from this address. Fix four things: the full name (National Offshore Exploration Scheme), the Ministry (Petroleum & Natural Gas), the Cabinet-approved outlay of ₹84,084 crore, and the fact that the “No-Go” areas opened were offshore areas in the Exclusive Economic Zone — not coastline.

Person in Focus

Only personalities named in the address, or unavoidably attached to a fact in it, are listed. Fame alone is not a reason to appear here.

Table 4 — Persons named in or attached to the address

Person	Position / Contribution	Why connected to the speech	Exam relevance
Narendra Modi	Prime Minister of India	Delivered the address; his 13th consecutive Independence Day speech from the Red Fort	Speaker; 13th consecutive; 75 minutes
Mahatma Gandhi	Father of the Nation	Invoked among the freedom fighters honoured at the outset	Quit India 1942; Dandi March 1930
Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose	Founder of the Azad Hind Fauj	Invoked in the tribute to freedom fighters	Azad Government, Singapore, Hind 1943,
Dr B. R. Ambedkar	Chairman, Drafting of the Committee of the Constitution	Invoked in the tribute	Constitution; social justice
Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel	First Deputy Prime Minister and Home Minister	Invoked in the tribute	Integration of princely states; Statue of Unity
Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru	First Prime Minister of India	Invoked in the tribute	First Red Fort address, 1947
Bhagat Singh, Sukhdev, Rajguru	Revolutionaries executed in 1931	Invoked in the tribute	Lahore Conspiracy Case; Shaheed Diwas, 23 March
Dr Syama Prasad Mookerjee	First Industry and Supply Minister	Invoked in the tribute	Bharatiya Jana Sangh, 1951
Bhagwan Birsa Munda	Tribal leader of the Ulgulan	Invoked in the tribute	Janjatiya Gaurav Divas, 15 November
Jyotiba Phule	Social reformer and educationist	Invoked in the tribute	Satyashodhak Samaj, 1873
Bankim Chandra Chatterjee	Composer of Vande Mataram	150 years of Vande Mataram was a stated theme of the day	First published 7 November 1875, Bangadarshan

Person	Position / Contribution	Why connected to the speech	Exam relevance
Lt Col Arjun Singh	Commander of the Guard of Honour	Commanded the Inter-Services and Delhi Police guard at the ceremony	Ceremonial detail

STATIC GK LINK

The tribute list spans the full ideological range of the freedom movement — moderate, revolutionary, social-reform and tribal strands together. For an exam, the pairing most often asked from such a list is **Birsa Munda → Ulgulan / Munda rebellion** and **Jyotiba Phule → Satyashodhak Samaj, 1873**.

Places in Focus

Table 5 — Places named in the address and why they matter

Place	State / Country	Why it appears	Exam hook
Red Fort (Lal Qila)	Delhi	Venue of the address and of the flag-hoisting	Built by Shah Jahan; UNESCO World Heritage Site, 2007
Sanand	Gujarat	Cited as the place where tribal women are manufacturing microchips	Semiconductor OSAT cluster under the India Semiconductor Mission
Ludhiana	Punjab	One end of the textile corridor described in the address	Hosiery and woollens hub
Tiruppur	Tamil Nadu	The other end of the textile corridor	Knitwear export hub; record exports in 2025-26
Kerala and Gujarat	India — coasts	Used to describe the span of the coastline and the blue economy	Gujarat has India's longest coastline
Tamil Nadu and Bengal	India — coasts	Used in the same coastal span	Coromandel and the Bay of Bengal
Dholera	Gujarat	India's first commercial semiconductor fab, behind the "three plants" claim	Tata Electronics with PSMC
Jagiroad, Morigaon	Assam	Semiconductor assembly and test unit	Tata Semiconductor Assembly and Test
Kalpakkam	Tamil Nadu	Fast Breeder Reactor mastery claimed in the address rests here	PFBR; BHAVINI; IGCAR

Place	State / Country	Why it appears	Exam hook
Jind–Sonipat	Haryana	Route of India's first indigenous hydrogen train	Northern Railway; about 89 km
Vadodara	Gujarat	Where the Made-in-India C-295 was assembled and first flew	Tata–Airbus final assembly line, 2024
Ahmedabad	Gujarat	Host city for the Commonwealth Games 2030	Centenary edition of the Games
Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi	Delhi	Venue of the India AI Impact Summit that underpins the AI push	February 2026
Ukraine and West Asia	Abroad	Cited as sources of global disruption justifying self-reliance	Supply-chain and energy shocks

CONCEPT LINK

Notice the geographic logic of the speech: every technology claim was anchored to a named town — chips to Sanand and Dholera, aircraft to Vadodara, the hydrogen train to Jind, the fast breeder to Kalpakkam. Learning the place-to-project pairing covers both a place question and a technology question at once.



Institutions and Organisations to Remember

Table 6 — Institutions behind the announcements

Organisation	Headquarters / Location	Function	Connection to the speech
Department of Atomic Energy	Mumbai	Apex body for India's atomic energy programme, under the Prime Minister	The 100 GW nuclear target and the SHANTI Act
BHAVINI	Kalpakkam	PSU set up to build and operate fast breeder reactors	The Fast Breeder Reactor claim
IGCAR	Kalpakkam	Designs fast reactor technology	Designed the Prototype Fast Breeder Reactor
Atomic Energy Regulatory Board	Mumbai	Nuclear and radiation safety regulator	Given statutory status under the SHANTI Act
PNGRB	New Delhi	Regulates city gas distribution and downstream petroleum, under the PNGRB Act, 2006	The 70 → 700 cities piped gas claim

Organisation	Headquarters / Location	Function	Connection to the speech
MNRE	New Delhi	Ministry for renewable energy	PM Surya Ghar and the solar capacity figures
MeitY	New Delhi	Ministry for electronics and information technology	India Semiconductor Mission and IndiaAI Mission
NITI Aayog	New Delhi	Policy think tank; publishes the National Multidimensional Poverty Index	The 25 crore out of poverty claim; Atal Innovation Mission
National Health Authority	New Delhi	Implements Ayushman Bharat PM-JAY	The ₹5 lakh cover and the 70-plus extension
Registrar General & Census Commissioner	New Delhi	Conducts the Census under the Census Act, 1948, under the Ministry of Home Affairs	The digital Census appeal
DGFSCD&HG	New Delhi	Directorate General Fire Service, Civil Defence and Home Guards, under Home Affairs	The civil defence announcement
ISRO / IN-SPaCe / NSIL	Bengaluru / Ahmedabad / Bengaluru	Space agency; authorisation and promotion body; commercial arm	The opening of the space sector and private launches
DRDO	New Delhi	Defence research and development	Drones, counter-drone systems and hypersonic technology
MY Bharat	New Delhi	Autonomous youth platform under Youth Affairs and Sports	Runs the 100-week anti-drug programme
NPCI	Mumbai	Operates UPI, RuPay and other retail payment systems	Behind the 100-fold rise in digital transactions
BIRAC	New Delhi	Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council, under the DBT	Publishes the India BioEconomy Report behind the bioeconomy figure
Commonwealth Sport (CGF)	London	Governs the Commonwealth Games	Awarded the 2030 Games to Ahmedabad in November 2025

Targets and Roadmap

The distinction between an **achievement** and a **future target** is the most frequently exploited trap in current-affairs questions. Read the first two columns together.

Table 7 — Target against current position

Target	Current position	Deadline	Sector / body	Why it matters
Viksit Bharat	Fastest-growing major economy, per the address	2047	Whole government	of The organising goal of the entire speech
100 GW nuclear capacity	About 8.78 GW installed	2047	Department Atomic Energy	of More than a tenfold expansion; enabled by the SHANTI Act
5 new nuclear reactors started	Fast Breeder Reactor at Kalpakkam critical in April 2026	Within this decade	DAE / NPCIL	Nearest nuclear milestone
1 crore youth trained in AI	IndiaAI Mission running since 2024	One year from 15 Aug 2026	MeitY	The largest single skilling number announced
5–8 more semiconductor plants	Three plants running and exporting	7–8 years	MeitY / ISM	Note the timeframe — it is years, not months
50 Fortune Global 500 firms	About 10 Indian firms on the 2026 list	Within a decade	Industry	A fivefold ambition
6 crore Lakhpati Didis	3 crore achieved	By 2029	Rural Development	Achievement and target in one line
33% women's representation	Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam enacted in 2023, not yet operational	Not specified	Political parties	A call, not a government deadline
1 crore rooftop solar households	Over 50 lakh under PM Surya Ghar	March 2027	MNRE	Halfway mark crossed
Host the 2036 Olympics	A bid; the host has not been decided	2036	Youth Affairs & Sports	Bid, not award — a classic distractor
Host the Commonwealth Games	Awarded to Ahmedabad in November 2025	2030	Commonwealth Sport	Award, not bid — the mirror image of the line above
Sports talent identified, 5–15	Announced on 15 August 2026	Not specified	Youth Affairs & Sports	New, and deliberately unnamed
Vibrant civil defence network	Announced on 15 August 2026	Not specified	Home Affairs	New, and deliberately unnamed

Target	Current position	Deadline	Sector / body	Why it matters
Made-in-India 6G worldwide	Bharat 6G Vision released in 2023	2030	Department of Telecommunications	Target of 10% of global 6G patents
Net Zero	Non-fossil share above 50% since June 2025	2070	Environment / Power	The outer boundary under Panchamrit

MUST REMEMBER

Commonwealth Games 2030 is already awarded to Ahmedabad. The 2036 Olympics is only a bid. A question that describes India as “selected to host the 2036 Olympics” is incorrect, and a question that describes India as “bidding for the 2030 Commonwealth Games” is equally incorrect.

Static GK Connections

Each box takes a statement from the address and attaches the static knowledge an examiner is likely to test around it.

Nuclear Energy

STATIC GK LINK

The SHANTI Act — Sustainable Harnessing and Advancement of Nuclear Energy for Transforming India — completed its passage through Parliament in December 2025. It replaces the Atomic Energy Act, 1962 and the Civil Liability for Nuclear Damage Act, 2010 with a single consolidated law; it does not amend them. The Atomic Energy Regulatory Board receives statutory status under it, and private participation is permitted in construction and operation while sensitive fuel-cycle activities stay with the Centre.

India's three-stage nuclear programme was framed by Dr Homi J. Bhabha: Stage I, Pressurised Heavy Water Reactors on natural uranium; Stage II, Fast Breeder Reactors on plutonium; Stage III, thorium-based reactors. The Prototype Fast Breeder Reactor at Kalpakkam — 500 MWe, sodium-cooled, built by BHAVINI and designed by IGCAR — attained first criticality on 6 April 2026, taking India into Stage II.

Women's Representation

STATIC GK LINK

The call for 33 per cent women's representation refers to the Constitution (One Hundred and Sixth Amendment) Act, 2023, popularly the Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam. It reserves one-third of seats in the Lok Sabha, State Legislative Assemblies and the Legislative Assembly of the NCT of Delhi for women, including one-third within the seats reserved for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.

Crucially, it takes effect only after a Census and the delimitation exercise that follows — which is exactly why the address paired the women's-representation call with an appeal to participate in the Census. Reservation is for 15 years. The Act does not cover the Rajya Sabha or State Legislative Councils.

Poverty Measurement

STATIC GK LINK

The 25 crore figure comes from NITI Aayog's National Multidimensional Poverty Index, which recorded 24.82 crore people escaping multidimensional poverty between 2013-14 and 2022-23, the headcount ratio falling from 29.17% to 11.28%.

The National MPI uses the Alkire-Foster method across three dimensions — Health, Education and Standard of Living — and 12 indicators, against the 10 indicators of the global MPI. The global MPI is published by OPHI at the University of Oxford together with UNDP.

The Census

STATIC GK LINK

Census 2027 is India's 16th Census and the first conducted digitally, with a mobile application for enumerators and optional online self-enumeration. It is conducted by the Registrar General and Census Commissioner of India under the Ministry of Home Affairs, under the Census Act, 1948 and the Census Rules, 1990.

Houselisting and the Housing Census ran from April 2026; Population Enumeration falls in February 2027, with 1 March 2027 as the reference date — except in the snow-bound areas of Ladakh, Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand, where the reference date is 1 October 2026. Caste enumeration has been included. The first Census of independent India was in 1951; the first synchronous all-India Census was in 1881.

Civil Defence

STATIC GK LINK

Civil defence in India is governed by the Civil Defence Act, 1968, administered through the Directorate General Fire Service, Civil Defence and Home Guards under the Ministry of Home Affairs. It is largely a voluntary organisation, and its day-to-day administration rests with the States.

The address argued that a system designed for twentieth-century warfare cannot protect twenty-first-century targets, naming refineries, the banking system and data centres. No scheme name, statute amendment or outlay was announced.

The Blue Economy and the Sea

STATIC GK LINK

India's Exclusive Economic Zone extends 200 nautical miles from the baseline under the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea, 1982, and covers over 2 million square kilometres. The territorial sea is 12 nautical miles and the contiguous zone 24.

Samudra Manthan opens former offshore No-Go areas within this zone. Related initiatives: the Deep Ocean Mission under the Ministry of Earth Sciences, with the Matsya-6000 submersible; Sagarmala for port-led development; and the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana for fisheries.

Connect the Dots

Seven knowledge chains. Each begins with a line from the speech and ends somewhere in the static syllabus, so that a question phrased anywhere along the chain remains answerable.

Speech mentions: "100 GW of nuclear power by 2047"

- ↓ **Department:** Department of Atomic Energy, under the Prime Minister; headquartered in Mumbai
- ↓ **Statute:** SHANTI Act, 2025 — replaces the Atomic Energy Act, 1962 and the Civil Liability for Nuclear Damage Act, 2010
- ↓ **Regulator:** Atomic Energy Regulatory Board, given statutory status by the new Act
- ↓ **Institution:** BHAVINI operates the Prototype Fast Breeder Reactor at Kalpakkam; IGCAR designed it
- ↓ **Concept:** Bhabha's three-stage programme — PHWR on uranium, Fast Breeder on plutonium, thorium in Stage III
- ↓ **Milestone:** First criticality of the PFBR, 6 April 2026 — the event that makes the Fast Breeder claim true

Speech mentions: “Samudra Manthan, ₹85,000 crore”

- ↓ **Ministry:** Petroleum and Natural Gas
- ↓ **Official outlay:** ₹84,084 crore, Cabinet-approved, running to 31 March 2031
- ↓ **Objective:** Raise offshore output from 62 to 80 MMTOE a year; expand the resource base from 1.6 to 2.2 billion TOE
- ↓ **Legal frame:** Oilfields (Regulation and Development) Amendment Act, 2025; the shift from Production Sharing to Revenue Sharing Contracts
- ↓ **Geography:** Exclusive Economic Zone — 200 nautical miles, over 2 million sq km, under UNCLOS 1982
- ↓ **Related:** Deep Ocean Mission and Matsya-6000, Ministry of Earth Sciences

Speech mentions: “Tribal women making microchips in Sanand”

- ↓ **Mission:** India Semiconductor Mission, approved December 2021, outlay ₹76,000 crore
- ↓ **Ministry:** Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
- ↓ **Locations:** Fab at Dholera, Gujarat; assembly and test at Sanand, Gujarat and Jagiroad, Assam
- ↓ **First chip:** Vikram 3201, a 32-bit space-grade processor from ISRO's Semi-Conductor Laboratory, Mohali
- ↓ **Concept:** Fab versus OSAT — fabrication makes the wafer, OSAT assembles, tests and packages it
- ↓ **Link back:** Feeds the Manufacturing Power stream of Sapt Dhara and the Make in India programme

Speech mentions: “33 per cent representation for women”

- ↓ **Statute:** Constitution (106th Amendment) Act, 2023 — the Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam
- ↓ **Scope:** Lok Sabha, State Legislative Assemblies and the Delhi Assembly; not the Rajya Sabha or Legislative Councils
- ↓ **Condition:** Operative only after a Census and the ensuing delimitation
- ↓ **Duration:** Fifteen years, extendable by Parliament
- ↓ **Constitutional link:** Articles 82 and 170 govern delimitation; Article 243D already reserves one-third of panchayat seats for women
- ↓ **Why in this speech:** Explains why the women's call sits beside the Census appeal in the same address

Speech mentions: "India's first hydrogen train"

- ↓ **Ministry:** Railways
- ↓ **Route:** Jind–Gohana–Sonipat in Haryana, about 89 km, Northern Railway; flagged off 17 July 2026
- ↓ **Technology:** Hydrogen fuel cell; 1,200 kW per driving power car; the only emission is water vapour
- ↓ **Policy link:** National Green Hydrogen Mission, launched January 2023, outlay ₹19,744 crore
- ↓ **Sapt Dhara link:** Sits in the Green and Blue Economy stream
- ↓ **Comparison:** India joins Germany, Japan, China and the United States among countries operating hydrogen trains

Speech mentions: "Naxalism has been finished"

- ↓ **Ministry:** Home Affairs; Left Wing Extremism Division
- ↓ **Milestone:** India declared effectively Naxal-free on 31 March 2026, the deadline announced by the Union Home Minister
- ↓ **Trajectory:** Most-affected districts fell from 35 to 12 to 6 to 3 and then to zero; total LWE-affected districts from 126 in 2014 to zero
- ↓ **Policy:** The National Policy and Action Plan of 2015 — security, development and rights of local communities together
- ↓ **Schemes:** Special Central Assistance, Security Related Expenditure scheme, Road Requirement Plan, Aspirational Districts Programme
- ↓ **Origin:** The movement takes its name from Naxalbari, West Bengal, 1967

Speech mentions: "A vibrant network of civil defence"

- ↓ **Statute:** Civil Defence Act, 1968
- ↓ **Body:** Directorate General Fire Service, Civil Defence and Home Guards, Ministry of Home Affairs
- ↓ **Character:** Voluntary organisation; administration rests largely with the States
- ↓ **New threat vectors named:** Refineries, the banking system and data centres
- ↓ **Adjacent law:** Disaster Management Act, 2005, under which the NDMA is chaired by the Prime Minister
- ↓ **Concept:** The shift from kinetic warfare to critical-infrastructure and cyber targets

Top 25 Exam Takeaways

Ranked by probability of appearing in a competitive examination. If time is short, this is the section to memorise.

- 01** The 80th Independence Day was observed on 15 August 2026; the Prime Minister addressed the nation from the Red Fort for the 13th consecutive time.
- 02** The organising framework of the address was "Sapt Dhara" — seven streams: Manufacturing Power, Agriculture and Food Production, Technology and Innovation, Gati Shakti, Raksha Shakti, Green and Blue Economy, and Soft Power.
- 03** A vibrant civil defence network was announced from the Red Fort, with refineries, banking systems and data centres named as modern targets. Civil defence is governed by the Civil Defence Act, 1968.
- 04** A nationwide sports talent hunt was announced for children aged 5 to 15, explicitly linked to India's 2036 Olympics bid. No scheme name was given.
- 05** Free online coaching for competitive examinations was announced, again without a scheme name.
- 06** One crore young people are to be trained in Artificial Intelligence skills within one year.
- 07** The nuclear target is 100 GW by 2047, with five new reactors to be started within this decade, enabled by the SHANTI Act.
- 08** "Samudra Manthan", the National Offshore Exploration Scheme under the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, was cited at ₹85,000 crore; the Cabinet-approved outlay is ₹84,084 crore.
- 09** Over 99 per cent of former offshore "No-Go" areas have been opened for exploration.
- 10** Solar capacity was cited as having risen from 2 GW to 160 GW, with over 50 lakh households under PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana.
- 11** Three semiconductor plants are already running and exporting; five to eight more are expected over the next 7–8 years — years, not months.
- 12** Social security cover has expanded from 25 crore people before 2014 to 100 crore within a decade.
- 13** Twenty-five crore citizens were stated to have risen out of poverty; NITI Aayog's National MPI records 24.82 crore between 2013-14 and 2022-23.
- 14** The Lakhpati Didi target of 3 crore has been surpassed and reset at 6 crore, under DAY-NRLM of the Ministry of Rural Development.
- 15** All political parties were urged to ensure 33 per cent representation for women in the Lok Sabha and State Assemblies — the Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam of 2023.
- 16** Fifty of the Fortune Global 500 companies should be from Bharat within a decade; India has about ten today.
- 17** Free Trade Agreements have been entered into with nearly 40 countries since 2014.
- 18** Ayushman Bharat provides cover up to ₹5 lakh, extended to all citizens aged 70 and above irrespective of income.
- 19** SVAMITVA, the drone-based village property mapping scheme of the Ministry of Panchayati Raj, was cited as covering 3.25 crore families.

- 20** Defence production has grown nearly fourfold and defence exports almost fiftyfold; exports reached ₹38,424 crore in 2025-26.
- 21** Mission Sudarshan Chakra, announced in the 2025 address with a 2035 horizon, was reported as progressing rapidly.
- 22** Naxalism was declared effectively finished after four decades, with over 3,500 police and security personnel martyred; India was declared Naxal-free on 31 March 2026.
- 23** India will host the Commonwealth Games in 2030 at Ahmedabad — the centenary edition — and is bidding for the 2036 Olympics.
- 24** Citizens were urged to self-enumerate in India's first digital Census; the reference date for Population Enumeration is 1 March 2027.
- 25** The twin theme of the day was 150 years of Vande Mataram and "Yuva Shakti for Viksit Bharat@2047"; Vande Mataram was rendered at the Red Fort ceremony for the first time.

Section A — Multiple Choice Questions

Ten questions. Three easy, four moderate, three difficult. Answer key and explanations follow the three sections together.

- Q1.** In his 80th Independence Day address, the Prime Minister described a seven-stream framework for Viksit Bharat. Which of the following was NOT one of the seven streams?
- (a) Gati Shakti
 - (b) Raksha Shakti
 - (c) Jal Shakti
 - (d) Soft Power
- Q2.** "Samudra Manthan", referred to in the address, is implemented by which Ministry?
- (a) Ministry of Earth Sciences
 - (b) Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas
 - (c) Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways
 - (d) Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying
- Q3.** The nationwide sports talent hunt announced from the Red Fort on 15 August 2026 covers children in which age group?
- (a) 3 to 12 years
 - (b) 6 to 14 years
 - (c) 8 to 18 years
 - (d) 5 to 15 years

- Q4.** The address set a target of 100 GW of nuclear power capacity by which year?
- (a) 2047
 - (b) 2035
 - (c) 2040
 - (d) 2070
- Q5.** Regarding semiconductor manufacturing, the address stated that:
- (a) Seven to eight plants are already operational and five more will start within one to two years
 - (b) Three plants will begin production within two years and eight more by 2047
 - (c) Three plants have started production and five to eight more are expected over the next seven to eight years
 - (d) Five plants are operational and three more will be commissioned by 2030
- Q6.** The SHANTI Act, referred to in the address in connection with nuclear energy, does which of the following?
- (a) Amends the Atomic Energy Act, 1962 to permit foreign direct investment in uranium mining
 - (b) Replaces the Atomic Energy Act, 1962 and the Civil Liability for Nuclear Damage Act, 2010 with a single consolidated law
 - (c) Creates the Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited as a statutory body
 - (d) Transfers the regulation of atomic energy from the Union List to the Concurrent List
- Q7.** The Independence Day observance of 2026 carried a twin official theme. One part of it commemorated 150 years of:
- (a) Jana Gana Mana
 - (b) Sare Jahan Se Achha
 - (c) Vande Mataram
 - (d) The Indian National Congress
- Q8.** The Prime Minister set a goal relating to the Fortune Global 500. Which statement correctly describes it?
- (a) Fifty of the Fortune Global 500 companies should be from Bharat within the next decade
 - (b) India already has 50 companies on the list and should double the number in a decade
 - (c) An Indian company should reach the top five of the list by 2030
 - (d) Five hundred Indian companies should achieve a turnover of one billion dollars by 2047
- Q9.** Civil defence in India, the subject of a fresh announcement in the address, functions under which statute and which body?
- (a) The Disaster Management Act, 2005, through the National Disaster Management Authority
 - (b) The National Security Act, 1980, through the Ministry of Defence
 - (c) The Home Guards Act, 1947, through the Central Armed Police Forces
 - (d) The Civil Defence Act, 1968, through the Directorate General Fire Service, Civil Defence and Home Guards

Q10. The Prime Minister urged citizens to participate in India's first digital Census. The reference date for its Population Enumeration phase, other than in snow-bound areas, is:

- (a) 1 October 2026
- (b) 1 March 2027
- (c) 1 January 2027
- (d) 15 August 2027

Section B — Match the Following

Ten questions, each on a different matching dimension. Select the correct code.

Q11. Match the scheme in List I with the Ministry in List II and select the correct code:

List I	List II
(A) PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana	(1) Ministry of Panchayati Raj
(B) SVAMITVA	(2) Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
(C) Lakhpati Didi	(3) Ministry of New and Renewable Energy
(D) India Semiconductor Mission	(4) Ministry of Rural Development

- (a) A-1, B-3, C-4, D-2
- (b) A-3, B-1, C-2, D-4
- (c) A-3, B-1, C-4, D-2
- (d) A-2, B-1, C-4, D-3

Q12. Match the place in List I with the project associated with it in List II:

List I	List II
(A) Dholera	(1) Final assembly line of the C-295 aircraft
(B) Kalpakkam	(2) India's first indigenous hydrogen train
(C) Vadodara	(3) Semiconductor fabrication plant
(D) Jind	(4) Prototype Fast Breeder Reactor

- (a) A-3, B-4, C-2, D-1
- (b) A-3, B-4, C-1, D-2
- (c) A-4, B-3, C-1, D-2
- (d) A-1, B-4, C-3, D-2

Q13. Match the organisation in List I with its function in List II:

List I	List II
(A) BHAVINI	(1) Regulates city gas distribution
(B) PNGRB	(2) Publishes the India BioEconomy Report
(C) NPCI	(3) Operates fast breeder reactors
(D) BIRAC	(4) Operates the Unified Payments Interface

- (a) A-3, B-1, C-4, D-2
(b) A-3, B-4, C-1, D-2
(c) A-1, B-3, C-4, D-2
(d) A-3, B-1, C-2, D-4

Q14. Match the figure in List I with what it represents in List II:

List I	List II
(A) 33 per cent	(1) Former offshore No-Go areas now opened for exploration
(B) 3,500	(2) Average age of the private space startup teams cited
(C) 99 per cent	(3) Women's representation sought in the Lok Sabha and Assemblies
(D) 28 years	(4) Security personnel martyred fighting Naxalism

- (a) A-3, B-4, C-2, D-1
(b) A-1, B-4, C-3, D-2
(c) A-4, B-3, C-1, D-2
(d) A-3, B-4, C-1, D-2

Q15. Match the year in List I with the event in List II:

List I	List II
(A) 1875	(1) Enactment of the Civil Defence Act
(B) 1925	(2) India placed in the "Fragile Five"
(C) 1968	(3) First publication of Vande Mataram
(D) 2013	(4) Beginning of railway electrification in India

- (a) A-3, B-4, C-2, D-1
(b) A-3, B-4, C-1, D-2
(c) A-4, B-3, C-1, D-2
(d) A-3, B-1, C-4, D-2

Q16. Match the Sapt Dhara stream in List I with the sectors it covers in List II:

List I	List II
(A) Gati Shakti	(1) Green hydrogen, energy storage and coastal tourism
(B) Raksha Shakti	(2) Yoga, Ayurveda, animation and the WAVES Summit
(C) Green and Blue Economy	(3) Multimodal logistics, high-speed rail and inland waterways
(D) Soft Power	(4) Drones, counter-drone systems and hypersonic technologies

- (a) A-3, B-1, C-4, D-2
(b) A-4, B-3, C-1, D-2
(c) A-3, B-4, C-1, D-2
(d) A-3, B-4, C-2, D-1

Q17. Match the personality in List I with the contribution in List II:

List I	List II
(A) Bankim Chandra Chatterjee	(1) Founded the Satyashodhak Samaj
(B) Bhagwan Birsa Munda	(2) Led the Ulgulan against colonial rule
(C) Jyotiba Phule	(3) Composed Vande Mataram
(D) Dr Syama Prasad Mookerjee	(4) First Minister for Industry and Supply

- (a) A-3, B-2, C-1, D-4
(b) A-3, B-1, C-2, D-4
(c) A-1, B-2, C-3, D-4
(d) A-2, B-3, C-1, D-4

Q18. Match the mission in List I with its purpose in List II:

List I	List II
(A) Mission Sudarshan Chakra	(1) Securing the critical-mineral value chain
(B) National Critical Mineral Mission	(2) Deep-sea exploration using the Matsya-6000 submersible
(C) Nasha Mukta Yuva Sankalp Abhiyan	(3) A multi-layered national security shield
(D) Deep Ocean Mission	(4) A hundred-week youth movement against drugs

- (a) A-3, B-1, C-2, D-4
(b) A-1, B-3, C-4, D-2
(c) A-3, B-4, C-1, D-2
(d) A-3, B-1, C-4, D-2

Q19. Match the term in List I with its meaning in List II:

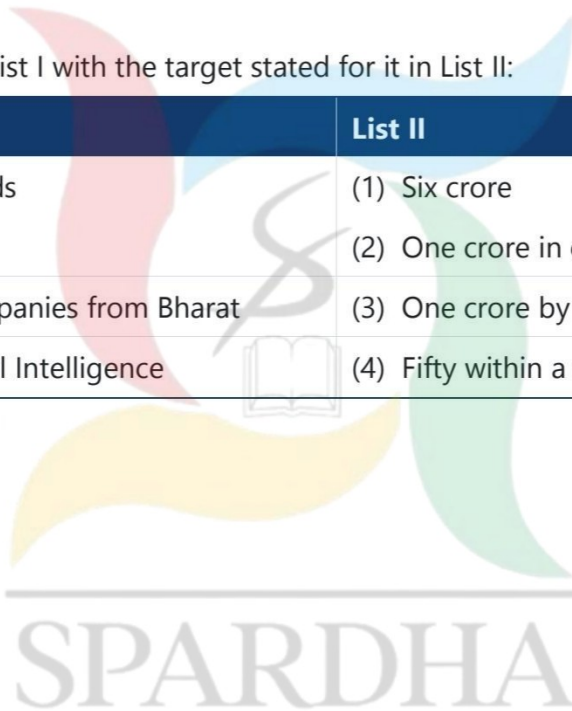
List I	List II
(A) Ulgulan	(1) A unit of energy used for oil and gas output
(B) Panchamrit	(2) Assembly, testing and packaging of semiconductors
(C) OSAT	(3) The tribal uprising led by Birsa Munda
(D) MMTOE	(4) The five climate commitments announced at COP26

- (a) A-3, B-4, C-1, D-2
(b) A-3, B-4, C-2, D-1
(c) A-1, B-4, C-2, D-3
(d) A-4, B-3, C-2, D-1

Q20. Match the initiative in List I with the target stated for it in List II:

List I	List II
(A) Rooftop solar households	(1) Six crore
(B) Lakhpati Didis	(2) One crore in one year
(C) Fortune Global 500 companies from Bharat	(3) One crore by March 2027
(D) Youth trained in Artificial Intelligence	(4) Fifty within a decade

- (a) A-3, B-1, C-2, D-4
(b) A-1, B-3, C-4, D-2
(c) A-3, B-1, C-4, D-2
(d) A-2, B-1, C-4, D-3



Section C — Statement-Based Questions

Ten questions across five formats — multi-statement, incorrect-statement, topic-specific, Statement I / Statement II, and Assertion–Reason.

Q21. Consider the following statements regarding announcements made in the 80th Independence Day address:

1. A vibrant network of civil defence was announced for the first time from the Red Fort.
2. Mission Sudarshan Chakra was announced for the first time in this address.
3. Free online coaching for young people preparing for competitive examinations was announced.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 1 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

Q22. Which of the following statements about "Samudra Manthan" is/are INCORRECT?

1. It is officially titled the National Offshore Exploration Scheme.
2. Its Cabinet-approved outlay is ₹84,084 crore, although the address cited ₹85,000 crore.
3. It opened 99 per cent of India's coastline, which had earlier been designated a No-Go area.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 3 only
- (b) 1 only
- (c) 2 and 3 only
- (d) 1 and 2 only

Q23. Consider the following statements about the SVAMITVA scheme, referred to in the address:

1. It is implemented by the Ministry of Panchayati Raj.
2. It uses drone technology to survey inhabited land in villages.
3. It was launched on National Panchayati Raj Day.

How many of the statements given above are correct?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None

Q24. Consider the following two statements:

Statement I: In the address, the Prime Minister urged all political parties to ensure 33 per cent representation for women in the Lok Sabha and the State Legislative Assemblies.

Statement II: The reservation provided by the Constitution (106th Amendment) Act, 2023 takes effect only after a Census and the delimitation exercise that follows it.

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?

- (a) Both Statement I and Statement II are correct, and Statement II explains Statement I
- (b) Both Statement I and Statement II are correct, but Statement II does not explain Statement I
- (c) Statement I is correct but Statement II is incorrect
- (d) Statement I is incorrect but Statement II is correct

Q25. Consider the following statements:

Assertion (A): A nationwide talent hunt among children aged 5 to 15 was announced in the address.

Reason (R): India does not currently compete in a large share of Olympic disciplines and is pursuing a bid to host the 2036 Olympic Games.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A

- (b) Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation of A
- (c) A is true but R is false
- (d) A is false but R is true

Q26. Consider the following statements regarding the Lakhpati Didi initiative as described in the address:

1. The target of three crore Lakhpati Didis was stated to have been surpassed.
2. A revised target of six crore was stated.
3. The initiative is implemented under the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana – National Rural Livelihoods Mission.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 1 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

Q27. With reference to the sporting commitments mentioned in the address, which one of the following statements is INCORRECT?

- (a) India will host the Commonwealth Games in 2030
- (b) The Target Olympic Podium Scheme was described as having achieved considerable success
- (c) Khelo India Winter Games and Beach Games were both referred to
- (d) India has been selected to host the Olympic Games in 2036

Q28. Consider the following statements about India's first indigenous hydrogen-powered train, cited as an achievement in the address:

1. It was flagged off on a section in Haryana.
2. Its only tailpipe emission is water vapour.
3. India was the first country in the world to operate a hydrogen-powered train.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 1 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

Q29. Consider the following two statements:

Statement I: The address stated that Naxalite–Maoist violence no longer has the strength to survive, after four decades in which more than 3,500 police and security personnel were martyred.

Statement II: The number of districts classified as the most affected by Left Wing Extremism was reduced to zero, and India was declared effectively free of Naxalism on 31 March 2026.

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?

- (a) Both Statement I and Statement II are correct, and Statement II explains Statement I
- (b) Both Statement I and Statement II are correct, but Statement II does not explain Statement I
- (c) Statement I is correct but Statement II is incorrect
- (d) Statement I is incorrect but Statement II is correct

Q30. Consider the following statements:

Assertion (A): The address held that India's existing civil defence arrangements have become outdated.

Reason (R): Modern conflict places installations such as refineries, banking systems and data centres at risk, whereas the existing arrangements were designed for the wars of the last century.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A
- (b) Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation of A
- (c) A is true but R is false
- (d) A is false but R is true

Answer Keys

Table 8 — Section A, Multiple Choice Questions

Q. No.	Answer	Difficulty	Q. No.	Answer	Difficulty
1	(c)	Moderate	6	(b)	Difficult
2	(b)	Moderate	7	(c)	Easy
3	(d)	Easy	8	(a)	Moderate
4	(a)	Easy	9	(d)	Difficult
5	(c)	Difficult	10	(b)	Moderate

Table 9 — Section B, Match the Following

Q. No.	Answer	Difficulty	Q. No.	Answer	Difficulty
11	(c)	Easy	16	(c)	Moderate
12	(b)	Moderate	17	(a)	Moderate
13	(a)	Moderate	18	(d)	Easy
14	(d)	Difficult	19	(b)	Difficult
15	(b)	Moderate	20	(c)	Easy

Table 10 — Section C, Statement-Based Questions

Q. No.	Answer	Difficulty	Q. No.	Answer	Difficulty
21	(c)	Moderate	26	(d)	Easy
22	(a)	Difficult	27	(d)	Easy
23	(c)	Easy	28	(a)	Difficult
24	(b)	Difficult	29	(b)	Moderate
25	(a)	Moderate	30	(a)	Moderate

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Difficulty distribution across all thirty questions: Easy 9 (30%), Moderate 13 (43%), Difficult 8 (27%) — against the intended 30 / 45 / 25 spread. Answer distribution: (a) 8, (b) 8, (c) 8, (d) 6.

Explanations

Section A — Multiple Choice Questions

Q1 — (c). The seven Sapt Dhara streams are Manufacturing Power, Agriculture and Food Production, Technology and Innovation, Gati Shakti, Raksha Shakti, Green and Blue Economy, and Soft Power. Jal Shakti is a Ministry, not one of the seven streams.

Q2 — (b). Samudra Manthan is the National Offshore Exploration Scheme of the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas. The Ministry of Earth Sciences runs the Deep Ocean Mission, which is a different programme.

Q3 — (d). The talent hunt covers children aged 5 to 15 in villages, cities and schools across the country.

Q4 — (a). The nuclear capacity target is 100 GW by 2047, the centenary of Independence; 2035 belongs to Mission Sudarshan Chakra and 2070 to the Net Zero commitment.

Q5 — (c). Three plants have started production and are exporting; five to eight more are expected over the next seven to eight years. Option (a) inverts both the numbers and the timeframe — the most common way this fact is set as a trap.

Q6 — (b). The SHANTI Act consolidates nuclear law by replacing the Atomic Energy Act, 1962 and the Civil Liability for Nuclear Damage Act, 2010. It also confers statutory status on the Atomic Energy Regulatory Board.

Q7 — (c). The twin theme was “150 Years of Vande Mataram” and “Yuva Shakti for Viksit Bharat@2047”. Vande Mataram was first published on 7 November 1875.

Q8 — (a). The goal is aspirational — fifty Fortune Global 500 companies from Bharat within a decade, against about ten at present.

Q9 — (d). Civil defence operates under the Civil Defence Act, 1968, through the Directorate General Fire Service, Civil Defence and Home Guards under the Ministry of Home Affairs. The NDMA under the Disaster Management Act, 2005 is a separate structure.

Q10 — (b). The reference date for Population Enumeration is 1 March 2027; 1 October 2026 applies only to the snow-bound areas of Ladakh, Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand.

Section B — Match the Following

Q11 — (c). PM Surya Ghar — New and Renewable Energy; SVAMITVA — Panchayati Raj; Lakhpati Didi — Rural Development; India Semiconductor Mission — MeitY.

Q12 — (b). Dholera has the semiconductor fabrication plant; Kalpakkam the Prototype Fast Breeder Reactor; Vadodara the C-295 final assembly line; Jind the hydrogen train.

Q13 — (a). BHAVINI operates fast breeder reactors; PNGRB regulates city gas distribution; NPCI operates UPI; BIRAC publishes the India BioEconomy Report.

Q14 — (d). 33 per cent is the women's representation sought; 3,500 is the number of security personnel martyred; 99 per cent is the share of offshore No-Go areas opened; 28 years is the average age of the space startup teams cited.

Q15 — (b). 1875 — Vande Mataram first published; 1925 — railway electrification begins; 1968 — Civil Defence Act; 2013 — India placed in the Fragile Five.

Q16 — (c). Gati Shakti covers logistics and connectivity; Raksha Shakti covers drones, counter-drone systems and hypersonics; Green and Blue Economy covers green hydrogen and coastal tourism; Soft Power covers yoga, Ayurveda and the creative economy.

Q17 — (a). Bankim Chandra Chatterjee composed Vande Mataram; Birsa Munda led the Ulgulan; Jyotiba Phule founded the Satyashodhak Samaj in 1873; Dr Syama Prasad Mookerjee was the first Minister for Industry and Supply.

Q18 — (d). Sudarshan Chakra is the security shield; the National Critical Mineral Mission secures the mineral value chain; the Nasha Mukta Yuva Abhiyan is the hundred-week youth movement; the Deep Ocean Mission uses Matsya-6000.

Q19 — (b). Ulgulan is Birsa Munda's uprising; Panchamrit is the set of five climate commitments made at COP26 in Glasgow in 2021; OSAT means outsourced assembly and test; MMTOE is million metric tonnes of oil equivalent.

Q20 — (c). One crore rooftop solar households by March 2027; six crore Lakhpati Didis; fifty Fortune Global 500 companies within a decade; one crore youth trained in AI within one year.

Section C — Statement-Based Questions

Q21 — (c). Statements 1 and 3 are correct. Statement 2 is wrong because Mission Sudarshan Chakra was announced in the 79th Independence Day address of 15 August 2025; the 2026 address only reported that work on it was progressing rapidly.

Q22 — (a). Only statement 3 is incorrect, and it is the answer because the question asks for the incorrect statement. The areas opened were offshore areas within the Exclusive Economic Zone, not the coastline. Statements 1 and 2 are both accurate.

Q23 — (c). All three are correct. SVAMITVA is run by the Ministry of Panchayati Raj, uses drone surveys conducted with the Survey of India, and was launched on 24 April 2020, National Panchayati Raj Day.

Q24 — (b). Both statements are factually correct, but Statement II does not explain Statement I. Statement II is the legal condition delaying the reservation; Statement I is a political appeal made independently of it. This is the distinction the format is designed to test.

Q25 — (a). Both are true and the Reason explains the Assertion. The address linked the talent hunt directly to disciplines in which India does not currently compete and to the 2036 Olympics bid.

Q26 — (d). All three are correct. Lakhpati Didi is implemented under DAY-NRLM of the Ministry of Rural Development; the three-crore target was declared surpassed and reset at six crore.

Q27 — (d). Option (d) is the incorrect statement and therefore the answer. India is bidding for the 2036 Olympics; the host has not been decided. Only the Commonwealth Games of 2030 has actually been awarded to India.

Q28 — (a). Statements 1 and 2 are correct — the train runs on the Jind–Sonipat section in Haryana and emits only water vapour. Statement 3 is wrong: India is one of a group of countries operating hydrogen trains, alongside Germany, Japan, China and the United States; it is India's first such train, not the world's.

Q29 — (b). Both statements are correct, but Statement II does not explain Statement I — it reports the same development through a different measure rather than giving the cause. The reduction of most-affected districts to zero and the declaration of 31 March 2026 are the official record behind the claim.

Q30 — (a). Both are true and the Reason explains the Assertion. The address argued that arrangements built for twentieth-century warfare cannot protect refineries, banking systems and data centres, and announced a new civil defence network on that basis.

Last-Minute Revision

FIVE MINUTES BEFORE THE PAPER

Ten Numbers

- 2047 — Viksit Bharat and the 100 GW nuclear target
- 7 — streams in Sapt Dhara
- 5 to 15 — age band of the new sports talent hunt
- 1 crore — youth to be trained in AI within one year
- 6 crore — the new Lakhpati Didi target
- 33 per cent — women's representation sought
- 25 crore to 100 crore — expansion of social security cover
- ₹84,084 crore — Cabinet outlay of Samudra Manthan
- 2 GW to 160 GW — solar capacity
- 50 — Fortune Global 500 companies sought from Bharat

Ten Names

- Narendra Modi — 13th consecutive Red Fort address
- Bankim Chandra Chatterjee — Vande Mataram
- Bhagwan Birsa Munda — the Ulgulan
- Jyotiba Phule — Satyashodhak Samaj
- Dr B. R. Ambedkar — Drafting Committee
- Sardar Patel — integration of princely states
- Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose — Azad Hind Fauj
- Dr Syama Prasad Mookerjee — first Industry and Supply Minister
- Bhagat Singh, Sukhdev, Rajguru — executed in 1931
- Lt Col Arjun Singh — commanded the Guard of Honour

Ten Dates and Years

- 15 August 2026 — the 80th Independence Day
- 7 November 1875 — Vande Mataram first published
- 1925 — railway electrification begins in India
- 1968 — the Civil Defence Act
- 2013 — India placed in the Fragile Five
- 15 August 2025 — Mission Sudarshan Chakra announced
- 31 March 2026 — India declared effectively Naxal-free
- 6 April 2026 — first criticality of the PFBR at Kalpakkam
- 17 July 2026 — first indigenous hydrogen train flagged off
- 1 March 2027 — reference date for Census Population Enumeration

Ten Schemes and Missions

- Samudra Manthan — National Offshore Exploration Scheme
- PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana — rooftop solar
- SVAMITVA — drone survey of village land
- Lakhpati Didi — DAY-NRLM
- Ayushman Bharat PM-JAY — ₹5 lakh cover
- India Semiconductor Mission — ₹76,000 crore
- IndiaAI Mission — seven pillars
- National Critical Mineral Mission — ₹34,300 crore
- Mission Sudarshan Chakra — 2035
- Nasha Mukta Yuva Sankalp Abhiyan — 100 weeks

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Ten Organisations

- Department of Atomic Energy — Mumbai
- BHAVINI and IGCAR — Kalpakkam
- Atomic Energy Regulatory Board — Mumbai
- PNGRB — city gas regulator, New Delhi
- MeitY — semiconductors and AI
- MNRE — rooftop solar
- NITI Aayog — National Multidimensional Poverty Index
- Registrar General and Census Commissioner — Census
- DGFSCD&HG — civil defence, under Home Affairs
- MY Bharat — the anti-drug campaign

Ten Major Announcements

- Sapt Dhara — the seven-stream framework
- A vibrant civil defence network
- Sports talent hunt for children aged 5 to 15
- Free online coaching for competitive examinations
- One crore youth trained in AI in one year
- 100 GW nuclear by 2047; five reactors this decade
- Samudra Manthan for offshore exploration
- Six crore Lakhpati Didis
- Fifty Fortune Global 500 companies from Bharat
- A call for 33 per cent women's representation

Ten Keywords

- Sapt Dhara — the seven streams
- Gati Shakti — the connectivity stream
- Raksha Shakti — the defence stream
- Reform Express — the next-generation reform agenda
- Viksit Bharat 2047 — the destination
- Mental Naxals — the warning issued on ideological extremism
- Heal in India — Ayurveda and holistic healthcare abroad
- Suryapath Tiranga — the global flag relay of 2026
- Yuva Shakti for Viksit Bharat@2047 — the official theme
- Vande Mataram — 150 years, sung at the Red Fort for the first time

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Source and Fact-Check Note

Primary Sources Used

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Where the Spoken Figure Differs from the Official Figure

These differences are the highest-value part of this handout. An examiner sets the question from the published Ministry figure, so both are given. Nothing here contradicts the speech — a rounded or colloquial number in an address is not an error, but it is not the number that appears in an answer key.

Table 11 — Reconciliation of speech figures with official figures

Item	As stated in the address	Official published figure	What to write in the exam
Samudra Manthan outlay	₹85,000 crore	₹84,084 crore, Cabinet-approved	₹84,084 crore
Offshore areas opened	99% of the coastline	Over 99% of former offshore No-Go areas in the Exclusive Economic Zone	Offshore / EEZ, not coastline
PM Surya Ghar subsidy	₹80,000 per family	Maximum central assistance ₹78,000 for 3 kW and above	₹78,000
Medical education	400 to 850 medical seats	Medical colleges 387 in 2014 to 844 in 2026; MBBS seats about 51,000 to 1.39 lakh	Colleges, not seats
Defence exports reach	About 100 countries	Over 80 countries; exports ₹38,424 crore in 2025-26	Over 80 countries

Item	As stated in the address	Official published figure	What to write in the exam
Railway electrification	30% in 90 years, 70% in 10 years	99.6% of the broad-gauge network electrified	99.6%, not 100%
Piped gas households	About 1.75 crore	Over 1.59 crore domestic PNG connections	1.59 crore
Urea to the farmer	₹300 a sack	Statutory MRP ₹242 for a 45 kg bag, unchanged since March 2018	₹242 per 45 kg bag
Poverty	25 crore out of poverty	24.82 crore, National MPI, 2013-14 to 2022-23	24.82 crore
Ayushman Bharat savings	About ₹2 lakh crore	Cashless treatment worth ₹1.92 lakh crore across 12.69 crore admissions	₹1.92 lakh crore
Bioeconomy	₹20 lakh crore	USD 195.3 billion, India BioEconomy Report 2026, about 4.8% of GDP	USD 195.3 billion
Hydrogen train	Longest and most powerful of its kind	India's first hydrogen train; India joins Germany, Japan, China and the USA	India's first, not the world's

Terminology Cautions

- "National Critical Mineral Mission" is the official name — mineral in the singular. The corridor announced in the Budget is officially for rare earths, across four States.
- "Reform Express" is an agenda framing first used at the Conference of Chief Secretaries in December 2025. It is not a notified scheme and carries no outlay.
- The "National Drone Policy" was the phrase used in the address; the operative instrument is the Drone Rules, 2021 of the Ministry of Civil Aviation.
- The civil defence network, the 5–15 sports talent hunt and the free online coaching initiative have no official names, no outlays and no implementing bodies announced as of the date of this handout. Any option offering a name for them is a distractor.
- The address made no claim about India's rank among world economies, and none is asserted here.

Content Excluded

Statements that could not be traced to an official source were **omitted rather than flagged**, on the principle that an exam handout should never place an unverified fact in front of a candidate. Nothing in the address relating to Gaganyaan, the Bharatiya Antariksh Station, a lunar mission, named hypersonic missile programmes or GST reform appears here, because none of these was in fact mentioned in the

address — the space content of the speech was limited to the opening of the space sector and the achievement of private launch startups.

FACT-CHECK CAUTION

This handout was compiled on 16 August 2026, the day after the address. Figures released subsequently by the concerned Ministries will supersede those given here. The speech text itself will not change.



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@2047 ROADMAP

FROM WHERE WE ARE → WHERE WE WANT TO BE → WHEN WE WILL ACHIEVE

FOCUS AREA	CURRENT POSITION (2026)	TARGET (2047)	DEADLINE
 Nuclear Energy Capacity	~8.1 GW (Installed Capacity)	➔ 100 GW (Nuclear Capacity)	➔  2047
 Nuclear Reactors	Operational: 23	➔ At least 5 new reactors by 2031	➔  2031
 AI Skilled Youth	Limited at scale	➔ 1 crore youth trained in AI skills	➔  Within 1 Year
 Women's Representation	In some sectors	➔ 33% in all sectors	➔  2047 (Census + Delimitation)
 Poverty	Reduced from 25 cr to 5 cr	➔  Zero Poverty	➔  2047
 Ayushman Bharat Coverage	~12.37 crore families (~55 cr persons)	➔ Coverage up to ₹5 lakh per family	➔  Ongoing → 2047
 Blue Economy	Early stage	➔ Among top 3 in the world	➔  2047
 Defence Exports	~100 countries	➔ Top 3 defence exporting nations	➔  2047
 Clean Energy Capacity	~220 GW (RE)	➔ 500 GW Non-fossil energy capacity	➔  2030



VISION:

A developed, self-reliant, inclusive and prosperous India by 2047.




ECONOMIC STRENGTH


INCLUSIVE SOCIETY


SUSTAINABLE FUTURE


GLOBAL LEADERSHIP


ATMANIRBHAR BHARAT



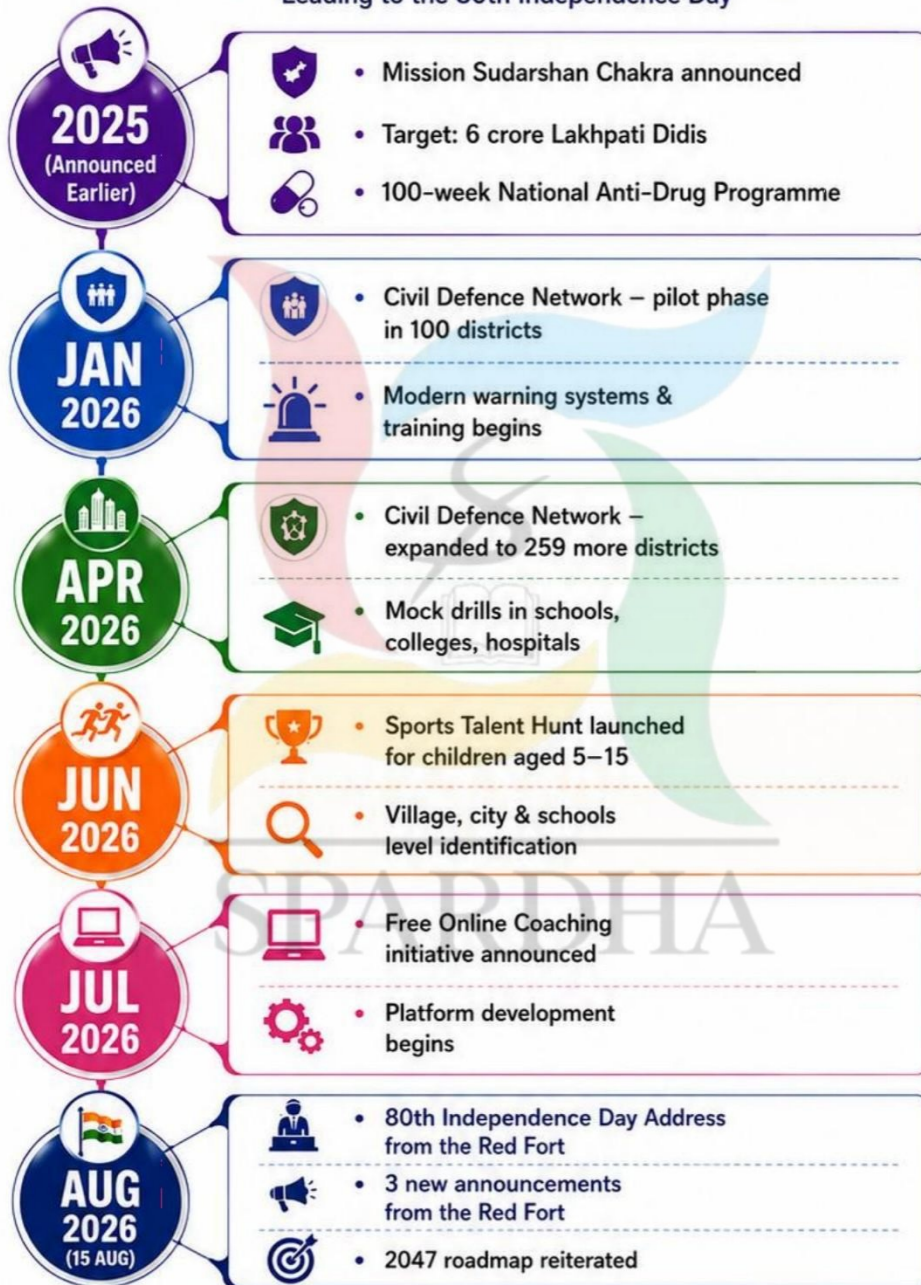


2026 TIMELINE OF KEY MILESTONES



From 2025 to August 2026

Key Announcements & Developments
Leading to the 80th Independence Day



THE JOURNEY CONTINUES...

Each milestone in 2026 builds the foundation for Viksit Bharat @2047 – a safe, prosperous, self-reliant and inclusive India.



SAFETY & SECURITY



EDUCATION & SKILLS



YOUTH & SPORTS



DIGITAL ACCESS & LEARNING



INCLUSIVE DEVELOPMENT



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NUMBER PAIRS

MEMORISE AS PAIRS, NOT SINGLY



Learn as pairs. Remember better. Score higher.

01 25 crore ↔ 100 crore Poverty reduced from 25 crore to 5 crore; target is Zero Poverty (2047) ZERO POVERTY BY 2047	02 2 GW ↔ 160 GW Nuclear capacity increased from 2 GW to 160 GW in the last 12 years NUCLEAR POWER EXPANSION	03 3 crore ↔ 6 crore Lakshpati Didis target increased from 3 crore to 6 crore WOMEN EMPOWERMENT THROUGH ENTERPRISE	04 5-15 ↔ Years Sports Talent Hunt for children aged 5 to 15 SPORTS TALENT HUNT 5 TO 15 YEARS	05 1 crore ↔ 1 year 1 crore youth to be trained in AI skills within 1 year AI SKILLING YOUTH WITHIN 1 YEAR
06 12.37 crore ↔ 5 lakh Ayushman Bharat: 12.37 crore families → coverage up to ₹5 lakh per family HEALTH COVERAGE FOR FAMILIES	07 23 ↔ 28 New airports to be increased from 23 to 28 AVIATION INFRA EXPANSION	08 220 GW ↔ 500 GW Non-fossil energy capacity from ~220 GW to 500 GW by 2030 CLEAN ENERGY TRANSITION	09 33% ↔ All Sectors Women's representation target: 33% in all sectors EQUALITY & INCLUSIVE REPRESENTATION	10 100+ ↔ Top 3 Defence exports to 100+ countries; target to be in Top 3 nations DEFENCE EXPORTS GLOBAL LEADERSHIP



HOW TO USE
Do not mug single numbers.
Learn and recall in pairs – it improves retention and helps you score in exams.



“Seven streams.
One destination.
Viksit Bharat
by 2047.”



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Self-Reliant,
Inclusive &
Prosperous India



A Closing Word

BEFORE YOU PUT THIS DOWN

Nothing in this handout is filler.

Every line in it survived a check against a Government of India source, and everything that did not survive was taken out — which means the pages you are holding are already the short version.

There is no section here you can safely skip, no table that is merely decorative, no box that exists to fill space.

A single number in the reconciliation table, one ministry attached to one scheme, one date in the timeline — any of them can be the mark that separates a selection from a near miss, and you will never know in advance which one it will be.

So, revise all of it and revise it more than once.

- The first reading tells you what is in the document;
- The second tells you what you have actually retained;
- The third makes it yours.

Aspirants rarely fail because a fact was too hard. They fail because a fact was met once, understood, nodded at, and never returned to. Come back to these pages — after a week, after a month, on the morning of the paper — and each return will cost you less time than the last.

That is the whole discipline: not reading more but forgetting less.