

ACHIEVEMENTS AT A GLANCE

UPA GOVERNMENT

HEALTH

National Rural Health Mission launched; accredited social health activists - ASHAs - in all villages in 18 high focus states; 1.73 lakh selected and being trained; 4 lakh by 2007-08

. Health plan outlay increased by 81% in three years since 2003-04 to Rs. 11,305 crore

. Comprehensive health care recognised as basic to family planning

. Janani Suraksha Yojana launched to promote institutional deliveries

. Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana approved for 6 AIIMS-like institutions and upgrading others to meet tertiary healthcare and medical education needs of underserved states

. Several steps initiated to strengthen regulation in the health sector

. Anganwadi centres - 1.88 lakh new centres; financial norms for nutrition through the centres doubled; outlay for ICDS increased by 171% in three years to Rs. 4,543 crore in 2006-07; nutrition to all pregnant or lactating women and children, not limited to BPL

EDUCATION

. Education cess introduced and Prarambhik Shiksha Kosh established for financing elementary education, including Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) and mid-day meal scheme; Rs. 8,746 crore transferred.

. In 2006-07, compared to the 2003-04 revised budget outlay, SSA annual plan outlay increased four-fold to Rs. 11,000 crore; mid-day meal plan outlay has increased nearly four-fold in three years to Rs. 5,348 crore in 2006-07; elementary education and literacy plan outlay has increased three-fold in three years to Rs. 17,128 crore, education plan outlay raised by 180% in three years to Rs. 20,744 crore.

. Trend of communalisation of education reversed

. Model bill on right to education being prepared

- . Nation-wide cooked mid-day meal scheme launched
- . Number of measures for ensuring reach of education to the poor: scholarships, student loan collateral waiver limit raised, tax exemption without limit on student loan repayment, scholarships and loans portal, private coaching institutions drafted for pre-exam coaching for minorities, regulation of private professional education institutions
- . Conversion of four universities to Central universities taken up and new Central university proposed for Sikkim
- . UGC assistance doubled over three years
- . NITs and IISc being strengthened, new IIM and Indian Institutes of Science Education and Research being set up

NUTRITION AND FOOD

- . Nutrition security through nearly universal National Cooked Mid-Day Meal Scheme in primary schools, phased launch of universal access to anganwadi centres, universalized Kishori Shakti Yojana and universal Pradhan Mantri Gramodaya Yojana
- . Food security through National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme, expanded outlays under SGRY, 67% expansion in Antyodaya Anna Yojana, revised Village Grain Banks scheme

CHILD RIGHTS

- . Commissions for Protection of Child Rights Bill, 2005 introduced
- . Bill being brought to provide for offences against children
- . Bill introduced to bring progressive measures and safeguards in the law on juveniles
- . Bill tabled to amend the Prevention of Child Marriage Act
- . New Ministry of Women and Child Development created for focussed attention

- . Holistic National Plan of Action for Children, 2005 for time-bound achievements
- . Rajiv Gandhi National Creche Scheme for the Children of Working Mothers launched

- . Holistic care through phased expansion for universalising the ICDS, launch of near universal cooked mid-day meal scheme, universalised Kishori Shakti Yojana

COMMUNAL HARMONY

- . National Integration Council revived

- . Communal Violence (Prevention, Control and Rehabilitation of Victims) Bill introduced

- . Trend of communalisation of education reversed

- . Ministry of Minority Affairs created

- . Bill introduced for giving Constitutional status to the Minorities Commission

- . Commission set up to identify measures for welfare of backward sections among minorities

- . Justice Sachar Committee studying the condition of minorities in-depth

- . National Commission for Minority Educational Institutions set up to resolve problems faced by minorities in effectively enjoying their Constitutional rights

- . 15-point Programme for Welfare of Minorities being recast to make it more effective and focus on social, educational and economic uplift of the minorities

- . National Minorities Development Finance Corporation being strengthened

- . Promotion of education among minorities given special focus

- . Better dispensation for Haj pilgrims

EMPOWERING WOMEN

- . Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act has provided civil remedies to women in abusive / violent relationships
- . Hindu women given equal rights to inherit coparcenary property
- . Law enacted to bar arrest of women at night, DNA test of rape accused, and mandatory judicial inquiry in case of rape while in police custody
- . Bill introduced to permit flexibility in working hours for women
- . Strengthening of law on *sati* prevention on the anvil
- . Compulsory registration of marriages being considered
- . Focus being brought on elimination of female foeticide
- . Law soon for stricter action against immoral trafficking and non-discriminatory treatment of women victims of commercial sex exploitation
- . Earmarking for women under the National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme
- . Gender budgeting in over 40 Ministries
- . New scheme for relief and rehabilitation of rape victims on the anvil

EMPOWERING SCs/STs AND BACKWARD CLASSES

- . Constitution amended to facilitate reservations in private unaided institutions
- . Bill to vest rights in land under forest and minor forest produce in forest dwelling STs
- . Bill introduced in Parliament to elevate reservations to statutory right
- . OBC reservation in backlog vacancies being looked into

- . Dialogue with industry regarding fulfilment of job aspirations of SC/ST by the private sector
- . Ministry of Panchayati Raj mandated as nodal Ministry for taking up implementation of Panchayats (Extension to Scheduled Areas) Act [PESA] with states
- . Number of schemes to improve SC/ST farmlands
- . Cabinet Committee on Tribal Affairs and Committee of Ministers on Dalit Affairs set up
- . Converting rehabilitation policy into law for acquisition of tribal lands being examined
- . System of identifying pre-1980 tribal forest settlers simplified by involving Panchayats
- . Decision taken to universalise JFM to all 1.73 lakh forest fringe villages
- . One-time forest clearance for public utilities / infrastructure: modalities being framed
- . Setting up of Conservation and Community Reserves under wildlife law being finalised

UNORGANISED SECTOR

- . Rural Employment Guarantee provided
- . National Commission on Enterprises in the Unorganised Sector set up and focusing on review of labour laws, cluster-based growth poles, skill formation, micro-finance, provision of credit, right to common property and natural resources, use of public space to engage in economic activity, etc.
- . Bill for providing social security being finalised
- . Bill on conditions of work and measures for promotion of livelihoods being finalised

- . Modalities for setting up a National Fund for providing technical, marketing and credit support to enterprises in the informal sector being worked out
- . Implementation of the National Policy on Urban Street Vendors is being reviewed

- . Bill introduced to simplify and rationalise forms and registers under labour laws

- . KVIC revamped

RURAL DEVELOPMENT

- . National Rural Employment Guarantee Act guaranteeing work to rural poor launched in 200 districts in February 2006; to be extended country-wide in five years

- . Bharat Nirman launched for thrust to rural infrastructure for power, roads, irrigation, telecom, housing and drinking water by 2009

AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATIVES

- . One crore hectares of fresh irrigation by 2009 under Bharat Nirman

- . Scheme launched for drip and sprinkler irrigation

- . National Rainfed Area Authority being set up to look into all dimensions of managing water resources in rainfed areas

- . Rural Infrastructure Development Fund revived and enlarged

- . Flow of credit to rural areas targeted to increase set to double in three years

- . Requirement of margin / collateral for lower value short-term credit done away with

- . Bill tabled for making warehouse receipts negotiable instruments for raising bank loans

- . Short-term credit relief of Rs. 1,700 crore for 2005-06 season

- . Cheaper credit @ 7% from 2006-07 season

- . Lakhs of SHGs credit-linked on an unprecedented scale; bill being brought to provide a statutory frame for the micro-finance sector; NABARD to open separate line of credit for financing farm production and investment activities through SHGs
- . Over 1½ crore new borrowers added in two years

- . Over Rs. 15,000 crore farmer debt restructured

- . Committee on Financial Inclusion to suggest plan for credit to every cultivator household

- . Rs. 13,596 crore package for reviving short-term rural cooperative structure

- . Unified market created under VAT

- . All but 14 states/UTs persuaded to reform Agriculture Produce Marketing Committee Acts

- . Cess on export of agri-produce being removed

- . National Biotechnology Regulatory Authority being set up for GM crops and seeds

- . National Livestock Policy being framed for qualitative improvement in livestock / products

- . National Fisheries Development Board being set up

- . Infrastructure being strengthened in State Agricultural Universities and ICAR institutes

- . Krishi Vigyan Kendras in all rural districts by 2007

- . National Agricultural Innovation Project initiated for agricultural science research

- . Constitution amendment bill being brought for improving functioning of cooperative societies

- . National Horticulture Mission launched

- . Policies on the anvil for balanced fertiliser use and using organic fertilisers for sustainability

- . Schemes launched for extension, agriculture education, storage, marketing infrastructure, livestock insurance
- . Old cane arrears largely cleared
- . Special package for Vidarbha farmers

DISASTER MANAGEMENT

- . Financial assistance for long-term rehabilitation and reconstruction as well
- . Comprehensive assistance provided for relief, rehabilitation and reconstruction for tsunami-affected persons; over Rs. 11,000 crore sanctioned
- . Over Rs. 5,000 crore of assistance given to states for flood relief, assistance also being given for reconstruction
- . Comprehensive assistance given for relief and rehabilitation after earthquake in J&K
- . Over Rs. 4,000 crore of assistance given to states for drought relief
- . Disaster Management Act enacted and National Disaster Management Authority set up

WATER MANAGEMENT

- . People's Water Conservation Mission to be launched soon
- . National project for repair, renovation and restoration of water bodies being scaled up
- . National Rain-fed Area Authority being established
- . States being assisted for flood management
- . North East Water Resources Authority: efforts on for consent among participating states
- . Agreement for first project for inter-linking of rivers signed

ENVIRONMENT AND WILDLIFE

- . New Environment Policy and National Biodiversity Policy and Action Plan soon
- . National Wildlife Crime Control Bureau being set up
- . National Tiger Conservation Authority proposal placed before Parliament
- . Large number of projects fielded under Clean Development Mechanism
- . Coastal Regulation Zones Notification reviewed
- . Environment Impact Assessments Notification, 1994 being reviewed
- . Process of environment clearance re-engineered to reduce time limits
- . National Action Plan for conservation through people's action being drawn up
- . Law amended to provide for reclamation and rehabilitation of mine area, after abandonment

GOVERNANCE

- . Administrative Reforms Commission set up
- . Set of HR initiatives, including more objective systems of performance appraisal through PARs and EPGs, accelerated empanelment / promotions, mandatory mid-career training, mandatory mid-career screening, a statute on public services, opening up the field for appointments to Boards of Central PSEs and public sector banks / insurance companies, etc.
- . Institutional reforms have been carried out in many Ministries / Departments in terms of decentralisation, simplification, transparency, accountability and e-governance
- . Civil society empowered through the Right to Information Act
- . National e-Governance Plan being implemented: National Institute of Smart Governance and projects on company affairs, passports and visas, income tax rolled out; State Wide Area Networks, National Portal,

National Databank, State Data Centres, Citizen Service Centres, etc. expected by 2007

- . Computerisation of over 13,000 courts taken up
- . Measures referred to the Election Commission for initiating action on partial funding in kind by the State of election expenditure of recognised political parties and their candidates
- . Criminal justice system reforms: plea-bargain introduced, arrest of women at night barred, rights upon arrest codified, under-trial prisoners given relief, DNA test mandated in rape cases, judicial inquiry mandated for death / disappearance / rape in police custody, prosecution strengthened, bail abuse checked, threat to witness made punishable; measures being considered to address issues relating to hostile witnesses, witness protection and compensation to victims
- . Judicial reforms will be initiated to reduce cases pending and time taken for decision, decriminalising petty offences, strengthening accountability, and introducing local courts
- . Number of measures adopted for curbing black money
- . Greater autonomy given to Central PSEs and public sector banks
- . RRBs and rural cooperatives structure being revived and consolidated
- . Banking ombudsman scheme made wider: online submission of complaints provided for
- . Model land law being framed, land administration being modernized

PANCHAYATI RAJ

- . States consulted on all aspects and implementation being followed up with them
- . Backward Regions Grants Funds to be implemented through Panchayats
- . Key role to Panchayats in Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme
- . Steps initiated for transfer of schemes to Panchayats in the Eleventh Five Year Plan

. Comprehensive programme for establishing Panchayat-level community forests on the anvil

URBAN RENEWAL

. Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission launched to develop infrastructure and services, provide basic services to the poor and reform governance

. Investment of over one lakh crore Rupees over the next seven years

. 24 projects worth Rs. 864 crore already sanctioned for eight cities

. People-centric National Urban Transport Policy adopted: schemes to be implemented soon

. Delhi Metro Project successfully implemented; Bangalore Metro to be completed by 2011 and Plans for Mumbai Metro in final stage of consideration.

CENTRE-STATE TIES

. Discussions with Chief Ministers have been held frequently

. Commission on Centre-State Relations notified

. Inter-State Council and National Development Council activated

. Several major steps taken to alleviate debt of states and improve their finances

. Rationalisation of Central Sector Schemes soon, followed by restructuring around MDGs

NORTH EAST

. Extensive efforts to secure peace have borne fruit

. Militant outfits engaged in dialogue

. Bru problem settled

- . Completion of border fencing along Indo-Bangladesh border by 2007
 - . More assistance given to states for security, police modernisation, surrender package
 - . Special Accelerated Road Development Programme to improve 7,639 km of roads, ensuring connectivity with NH to 34 district HQs at a cost of Rs. 12,123 crore; 1,310 km under Phase A to be completed by 2009; Phase B completion in seven years after DPRs ready
 - . Kumarghat-Agartala and Jiribam-Tupul lines and Lumding-Silchar gauge conversion taken up for improving rail links to Silchar, Tripura, Manipur and Nagaland
 - . Bogibeel rail-cum-road bridge, Rangia - Murkongselek gauge conversion being taken up
 - . 500 MW plant at Salakati in Assam by NTPC, with investment of Rs. 3,000 crore and coal linkage by CIL from Margherita with investment of Rs. 3,000 crore; work started on private sector 750 MW gas based plant in Tripura with investment of nearly Rs. 3,900 crore; 600 MW Kameng project approved; 2,000 MW Lower Subansiri project resumed; 100% rural electrification taken up; Assam Gas Cracker project approval in final stages
 - . New Northeast Industrial Policy soon
 - . NEC revitalised; NEC and NLCPR sanctioning procedures to be made speedy
 - . Northeast covered as special focus under NRHM; northeast package being readied
 - . Manipur University upgraded as Central university; decision to bring legislation to convert Rajiv Gandhi University in Arunachal Pradesh and Tripura University into Central universities and establish a new Central university in Sikkim; IIM to be set up; NIT to be set up in Tripura and Central Institute of Technology at Kokrajhar;
- MHRD earmarking funds for the north-east; 500-seat hostels for students and working women in Delhi

JAMMU AND KASHMIR

- . Dialogue process taken forward through Round Table Conference on J&K; many detainees released; appreciable drop in levels of violence; Srinagar-Muzaffarabad bus service launched and five points opened across the LoC for earthquake relief
- . Rs. 24,000 crore Reconstruction Plan successfully launched and substantial progress made
- . Udhampur rail line opened and Srinagar line work on track
- . Record tourist arrivals
- . Rs. 1,300 crore grant to meet power bill; near doubling of the Annual Plan in three years
- . All round assistance in earthquake and snow relief and rehabilitation effort

INDUSTRIAL GROWTH AND INVESTMENT

- . Ten Year Manufacturing Initiative, with emphasis on labour-intensive sectors, to be launched soon to make manufacturing the driving force for employment and growth, with a high level committee chaired by the Prime Minister overseeing the Initiative
- . NMCC and Investment Commission set up and active
- . Bill for a new Companies Act soon; Competition Commission to be made operational; law on labour returns being simplified; e-governance for hassle-free regulatory interfaces
- . Record investment by FIIs
- . FDI limits relaxed in telecom, civil aviation and construction; Press note 18 denotified; number of other sectors placed on the automatic route for FDI
- . Bill soon for developing micro-enterprises and SMEs; package for stepping up credit too
- . SEZ Act for world-class infrastructure and appropriate regulatory frame for exports
- . National Export Insurance Account created

- . Set of measures being finalised for manufacture of electronics and IT hardware; manufacture of telecom equipment; Information, Communication and Entertainment (ICE); setting up of large investment regions for petroleum, chemicals and petrochemicals industries
- . National Mineral Policy, amendments to the Mines and Minerals (D. & R.) Act, and single window for mining leases and approvals on anvil
- . Fiscal incentives and integrated food law to help food processing industries
- . Package of measures for support to textile industry in the post-MFA scenario
- . National Jute Mission being launched and National Jute Board being set up

ENERGY

- . Energy Coordination Committee chaired by the Prime Minister enabling policy formulation and decision-making for energy planning and security across sectors
- . 5 ultra mega thermal power plants of 4,000 MW each being set up with private initiative
- . Dabhol Power Project starts generating power this year
- . About 15,000 MW fresh capacity by next year and around 40,000 MW over next 3 years
- . Empowered Committee of CMs & Power Ministers to be set up for T&D reforms
- . 79 coal blocks not required by CIL by Eleventh Plan end being de-reserved
- . Steps being initiated for giving effect to captive mining of coal
- . Law enacted to create a regulator for petroleum and natural gas, promote competition, and provide for access to pipelines on non-discriminatory basis
- . Investments made in oilfields abroad to secure crude oil reserves

- . Government working towards laying natural gas pipelines in the neighbourhood
- . National Bio-diesel Programme to be launched in 2006-07
- . Bill tabled to make electrification Centre's responsibility as well, and removing requirement for eliminating cross-subsidies on power tariffs; states given time for unbundling SEBs
- . India may gain access to international cooperation for enlarging civilian nuclear energy sector

INFRASTRUCTURE

- . Committee on Infrastructure under the Prime Minister steering infrastructure initiatives
- . Action plan finalised for development of National Highways network, involving total investment of Rs. 1,75,000 crore over the next seven years
- . Plan outlay for roads has been more than doubled in just three years
- . World-class airports being created with estimated total investment of Rs. 40,000; Civil Aviation Policy on the anvil; modernisation and expansion of Delhi and Mumbai airports begun; Greenfield airports approved at Bangalore and Hyderabad; modernization of Kolkata, Chennai and regional airports under finalisation; revamp of Airports Authority of India being finalised
- . Action plan for world-class ports through PPP to bring investment of Rs. 60,000 crore
- . Work on dedicated railway freight corridors along Mumbai-Delhi and Kolkata- Delhi routes with estimated investment of over Rs. 21,000 crore expected to commence in a year
- . Private sector to be eligible for running container trains
- . Projects for laying submarine optical fibre cables initiated by Central Telecom PSEs
- . Broadband Policy 2004 provides incentives for creation of infrastructure
- . USO Fund investments stepped up sharply and to be used for rural mobile telecom too

. IIFCL to give long-term loans to infrastructure projects, including those with viability gap funding, to address gaps in private sector financing of infrastructure

. SEZ Act gives major incentives for infrastructure creation

FOREIGN POLICY

.India has entered into strategic partnership with United States, Russia, Japan and the EU

.SAFTA came into force from January 1, 2006

.Look East policy

.Improved relations with neighbours

. Overseas Citizenship scheme to cover all overseas Indians who emigrated after 26.1.50

. Bill introduced in Parliament for grant of voting rights to NRIs

. Integrated check-posts being planned along borders with Bangladesh, Nepal and Pakistan

. Srinagar-Muzaffarabad, Delhi-Lahore, Amritsar-Lahore and Amritsar-Nankana Sahib bus services and Khokrapar-Munnabao rail services across Indo-Pak border / LoC made operational

. Infrastructure at Wagah / Attari being upgraded

TRADE

. Trade and Economic Relations Committee under the Prime Minister enabling decision-making on trade and investment issues

. Number of measures taken for trade facilitation

OTHER INITIATIVES

- . FM radio coverage increased manifold through licenses given under new policy for 243 channels in 29 cities, from only 21 private FM radio stations licensed earlier in 12 cities
- . Bill introduced to develop and regulate options and commodity derivatives market
- . Corporatisation and Demutualisation Schemes of 19 stock exchanges notified
- . POTA repealed
- . A number of measures taken for welfare of serving and ex-servicemen
- . Benefits under scheme of pension for freedom fighters enhanced
- . Senior Citizens Savings Scheme launched with attractive interest rate
- . Tamil declared a classical language First desalination plant announced for Chennai