

Newsletter

POLITY & GOVERNANCE

PM URGES G-20 NATIONS TO SHIFT FROM PROFIT-DRIVEN INNOVATION TO A MODEL FOCUSING ON HUMANITY, EQUITY & GLOBAL COOPERATION



Prime Minister Narendra Modi has urged G-20 nations to shift from profit-driven innovation to a model that prioritizes humanity, equity and global cooperation. Highlighting India's growing leadership in AI and space, PM said the country is promoting broad participation across sectors through inclusivity and accessibility. He outlined India's AI philosophy, based on equitable access, population-scale skilling, and responsible deployment, and said the India-AI Mission is building high-performance computing infrastructure to reach every district and language.

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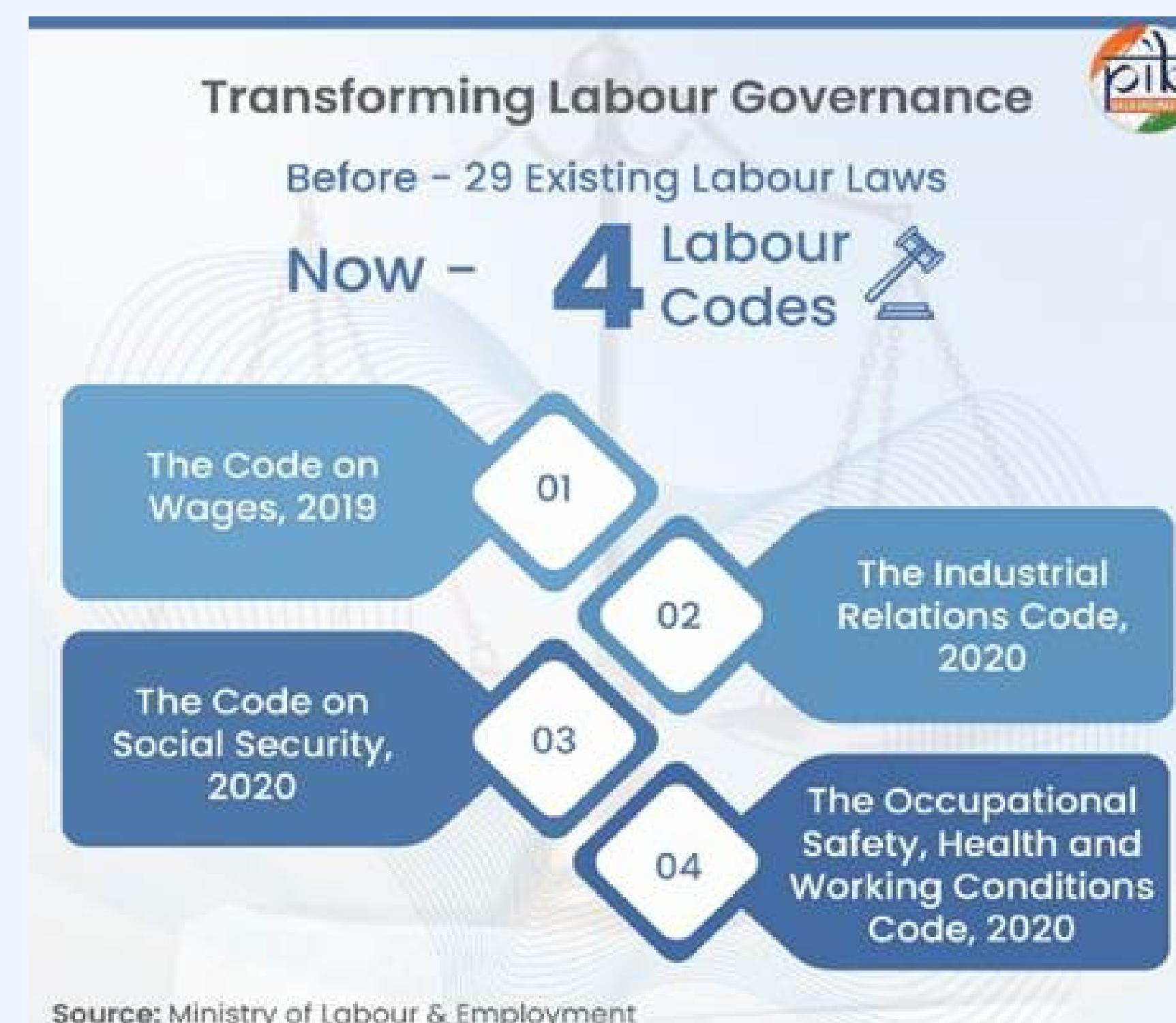
INDIA ANNOUNCES NEW TRILATERAL PARTNERSHIP WITH AUSTRALIA AND CANADA TO ENHANCE COOPERATION IN EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES

India, Australia and Canada have announced a new trilateral framework- the Australia-Canada-India Technology and Innovation (ACITI) Partnership to enhance cooperation in critical and emerging technologies. The announcement came following a meeting between the three Prime Ministers on the sidelines of the G20 Summit in Johannesburg. The joint initiative seeks to strengthen collaboration in sectors including clean energy, diversified and resilient supply chains, particularly in critical minerals.



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INDIA'S LABOUR REFORMS: SIMPLIFICATION, SECURITY, AND SUSTAINABLE GROWTH



Indian Government has consolidated 29 labour laws into four comprehensive Labour Codes. This reform streamlines compliance, modernizes outdated provisions, and creates a simplified, efficient framework that promotes ease of doing business while safeguarding workers' rights and welfare.

Director General of the International Labour Organization Gilbert F Houngbo has welcomed the labour codes implementation in India. He said, social dialogue among government, employers and workers will remain essential as reforms are implemented to ensure they are positive for workers and business.

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INDIA HANDS OVER 3.5-TONNE MEDICINE CONSIGNMENT TO SEYCHELLES

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INDIA TO HOST 2030 COMMONWEALTH GAMES



Ahmedabad, Gujarat has been formally awarded hosting rights of the 2030 Commonwealth Games. The decision was approved by delegates from 74 Commonwealth nations at the General Assembly in Glasgow, United Kingdom. This has paved the way for staging the event second time as New Delhi hosted the game in 2010. India's Sports Minister Mansukh Mandaviya said the Commonwealth Sport's decision is a prestigious moment for the country as it strives to become a sporting powerhouse by 2047. President of Commonwealth Sport Dr Donald Rukare said, India brings scale, youth, ambition, rich culture, enormous sporting passion and relevance.

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INDIA RE-ELECTED TO UNESCO EXECUTIVE BOARD FOR 2025-29 TERM



India has been re-elected to the UNESCO Executive Board for the 2025-29 term. The Permanent Delegation of India to UNESCO said that this re-election reflects the international community's confidence in India's longstanding commitment to multilateralism and to UNESCO's mandate across education, culture, science, communication and information. India has thanked all partner countries for their trust and reaffirmed its dedication to contributing constructively to UNESCO's work in the years ahead.

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INDIA, ADB SIGN OVER \$800 MILLION IN LOAN AGREEMENTS



Indian Government and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) have signed three loan agreements worth over US\$ 800 million for projects in the Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat states. They include loan agreement worth US\$ 500 million for the Maharashtra Power Distribution Enhancement Programme for Agricultural Solarization, over US\$ 190 million Indore Metro Rail Project and loan agreement of around US\$ 110 million for Gujarat Skills Development Programme.

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ECONOMY & DEVELOPMENT

INDIA'S EXPORTS RISE 4.8% TO US\$ 491.8 BILLION IN APRIL-OCTOBER, NON-PETROLEUM GOODS DRIVE GROWTH

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INDIA WILL HOLD FIRM EVEN AS GLOBAL ECONOMY REMAINS UNCERTAIN, SAYS S&P'S GLOBAL CHIEF ECONOMIST



During his visit to India, Paul Gruenwald, global chief economist at S&P Global Ratings, said that as capital shifts across borders and economies reassess their alliances, India's role is set to expand. He added that this momentum is not driven by dramatic policy swings, but by consistent economic performance and the confidence investors place in India's long-term trajectory.

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INDIA'S GDP GROWS 8.2% IN Q2 ON STRONG MANUFACTURING AND SERVICES

India's gross domestic product (GDP) registered a robust 8.2% growth in the second quarter of the current financial year, driven by strong performance in the manufacturing, secondary, and tertiary sectors. GDP growth in the second quarter was higher than the 7.8% recorded in the first quarter of the current financial year and the 5.6% seen in the corresponding period last year. The country's nominal GDP grew by 8.7% during the second quarter of this financial year. Manufacturing, which makes up 14% of the country's GDP, rose by 9.1% in the second quarter, up from 2.2% in the same quarter last financial year.



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INDIA TO GROW 6.6% NEXT FISCAL, SAYS IMF REPORT



The International Monetary Fund said that India's economy is estimated to grow at 6.6% in 2025-26. It noted that the Goods and Services Tax reforms are likely to help cushion the country from the adverse impact of the 50% tariffs imposed by the US. "India's economy has continued to perform well. Following the economic growth of 6.5% in fiscal year 2024-25, real GDP expanded by 7.8% in the first quarter of fiscal year 2025-26," the IMF said in a statement after its Executive Board completed an annual assessment for India. The IMF said that looking ahead, India's ambition to become an advanced economy can be supported by advancing comprehensive structural reforms that enable higher potential growth.

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INDUSTRY & SECTORAL INSIGHTS

INDIA RESPONDING TO GLOBAL TEXTILE DEMAND WITH STRENGTH AND CONFIDENCE

With the world increasingly seeking high-performance, functional, and sustainable materials, India is responding to this shift with strength and confidence, said Pabitra Margherita, India's Union Minister of State for Textiles and External Affairs, while addressing MATEXIL's Export Award Function. He noted that India's Man Made Fibers (MMF) exports grew by 6.5% in 2024-25 and technical textiles exports increased by over 15%, underscoring the nation's rising competitiveness in this sunrise sector.



With global demand continuing to accelerate, India is well positioned to capture a larger share of the expanding international market, supported by high-quality products that reinforce its reputation as a trusted global partner. "Together, we move towards the goal of US\$ 100 billion in textile exports and a US\$ 350 billion textile market by 2030" he said.

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RECORD FOODGRAIN OUTPUT BREAKS ALL PREVIOUS HIGHS



India's agriculture sector has added new chapters of success with record foodgrain output breaking all previous highs, according to the final crop production estimates for 2024-25 released by the Ministry of Agriculture. The data indicates nearly 8% growth in total foodgrain production, which has risen to 357.73 million tonnes in 2024-25 from 332.30 million tonnes in 2023-24.

Oilseed output reached nearly 43 million tonnes, an increase of more than 8% over the 39.67 million tonnes recorded in 2023-24. Over the last decade, India has achieved historic growth of more than 106 million tonnes in total foodgrain output, rising from 251.54 million tonnes in 2015-16 to the current record.

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INDIA RANKS 2ND IN GLOBAL TEA EXPORTS; GOVT ROLLS OUT US\$ 120 MILLION SUPPORT



India's Union Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal said, India is the second largest exporter of tea in the world, with production of approximately 255 million tonnes of tea annually. Speaking at the National Conference on Safe Tea Production in New Delhi, Mr Goyal said that the government has come up with a US\$ 120 million package and initiatives for the welfare of the labour in the tea industry.

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ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY

INDIA CALLS FOR EQUITABLE CLIMATE ACTION AT COP30 CLOSING PLENARY IN BRAZIL

India has cautioned that the nations that have the least responsibility in causing the problem must not be loaded with the burden of climate change mitigation. In the high-level statement at the Closing Plenary of the 30th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change in Brazil, India has called for global support to protect vulnerable populations from the escalating impacts of climate change, especially from the global South. It appreciated the mandate on developed countries to provide climate finance.



India has also lauded the establishment of the just transition mechanism, which will help to operationalize equity and climate justice at both global and national levels. Stressing its commitment to science-based and equitable climate action, India said that all parties must work to ensure that climate ambition is inclusive, just, and equitable.

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SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION

ISRO TARGETS SEVEN MORE LAUNCHES THIS FISCAL, CONFIRMS CHANDRAYAAN-4 APPROVAL



Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), is gearing up for an intense year with seven more launches planned before the financial year ends, including a commercial communication satellite and several PSLV and GSLV Missions. ISRO chairman V Narayanan, in an Interview, has confirmed government approval for Chandrayaan-4, a lunar sample-return mission, and progress on LUPEX, the joint polar exploration project with Japan.

ISRO also aims to triple spacecraft production within three years. He added that work has begun on an Indian Space Station targeted for 2035, while India's first human spaceflight remains set for 2027. Prime Minister Modi has additionally directed ISRO to plan for sending Indian astronauts to the Moon by 2040.

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INDIA SHOWCASES WORLD'S LARGEST DIGITAL INCLUSION DRIVE AT WTDC-25

Presenting India's vision for a sustainable, secure and inclusive global digital future at the World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC-25) in Baku, India's Union Minister of State for Communications and Rural Development, Dr. Pemmasani Chandra Sekhar noted that India has emerged as one of the world's most connected societies, empowering 1.2 billion telecom subscribers, 1 billion internet users, and 1.4 billion digital identities. He underlined that India's \$4.8 billion last-mile 4G expansion and the world's fastest 5G rollout—now covering 99% of districts- have set new global standards.

The World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC) is held by the International Telecommunication Union's Development Sector (ITU-D) to set global priorities for expanding and improving telecommunications and digital connectivity.

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INDIA TO STRENGTHEN DISEASE SURVEILLANCE WITH AI

In a major leap toward strengthening public health security, India is set to transform its disease surveillance approach from traditional detective methods to a predictive model by integrating cutting-edge technologies such as Artificial Intelligence, real-time data analytics, and digital intelligence platforms. This paradigm shift will significantly enhance the country's ability to identify outbreaks before they escalate.

According to the National Centre for Disease Control, NCDC, AI-based event surveillance systems are already being used under the Integrated Health Information Platform. The integration of AI-driven surveillance and technology-enabled rapid response mechanisms promises to transform health security, with the potential to save thousands of lives through timely, targeted action.

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