



Prime Minister addresses Rozgar Mela

When the youth actively contribute to nation-building, the country experiences accelerated development & earns recognition on the global stage: PM

New Delhi, Apr. 26 (PIB)

Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi addressed the Rozgar Mela and distributed more than 51,000 appointment letters to newly appointed youth in various Government Departments and organizations via videoconferencing today. Addressing the gathering, he emphasized that today marks the beginning of new responsibilities for these youth in different Departments of the Government of India. He remarked that their duties include strengthening the nation's economic framework, bolstering internal security, contributing to the construction of modern infrastructure, and bringing



transformative changes to the lives of workers. The Prime Minister underscored that the sincerity with which they fulfill their responsibilities will have a positive impact on India's journey towards becoming a developed nation. Expressing confidence, he stated that these young individuals will carry out their duties with utmost dedication. "The foundation of any nation's progress and success lies in its youth, when the youth actively participate in nation-building, the nation experiences rapid development and establishes its identity on the global stage", emphasised Shri Modi. "India's youth are showcasing their immense potential to the world through their hard work and innovation", he further highlighted, stating that the Government is ensuring, at every step, that employment and self-employment opportunities for the country's youth continue to grow. He pointed out that initiatives like Skill India, Startup India, and Digital India are creating new opportunities for the youth. Through these campaigns, the Government is providing an open platform for India's youth to showcase their talents. Shri Modi noted that as a result of these efforts,

in this decade, India's youth have propelled the nation to the forefront in the fields of technology, data, and innovation. He highlighted the success of digital platforms like UPI, ONDC, and GeM (Government e-Marketplace), which demonstrate how the youth are leading transformative changes in the digital economy. He further remarked that India now leads the world in real-time digital transactions, and a significant share of this achievement is credited to the youth. "The Manufacturing Mission announced in this budget, aims at promoting the 'Make in India' initiative and providing India's youth with opportunities to create globally standardized

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PM to share his thoughts in Mann Ki Baat prog. today

New Delhi, Apr. 26 Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi will share his thoughts with the people of the country and abroad in the Mann Ki Baat programme on Akashvani tomorrow (Apr. 27) at 11 AM. It will be the 121st episode of the monthly radio programme. The programme will be broadcast across the entire Akashvani and Doordarshan network, the AIR News website, and the Newsonair mobile app. It will also be live-streamed on the YouTube channels of AIR News, DD News, the PMO, and the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting. Akashvani will broadcast the programme in regional languages immediately after the Hindi broadcast. (Source: newsonair.gov.in)

SVPMC organizes Candle March in remembrance of Pahalgam terror attack victims

Sri Vijaya Puram, Apr. 26

Sri Vijaya Puram Municipal Council (SVPMC) organized a Candle March today to pay tribute to the victims of the recent Pahalgam terrorist attack. The march began at 5.30 PM from the SVPMC Headquarters and ended at the historic National Memorial Cellular Jail, a symbol of national pride and sacrifice. The march was led by Chairperson, SVPMC, Shri S. Shahul Hameed and Secretary, SVPMC, Shri Azharuddin Zahiruddin Quazi, IAS. They were joined by Councillors, Officers, staff members and a large number of



citizens who came together to show their sorrow and solidarity. Carrying candles, the participants walked silently to honor the innocent lives lost in the attack. Before the march ended at National Memorial Cellular Jail, Chairperson, Shri S. Shahul Hameed addressed the gathering. He explained the reason behind the march and spoke about the need for unity, peace and kindness. He said, it was important for everyone to stand strong against hatred and violence and to work together to build a society based on peace, harmony and respect for one another. Several Councillors also spoke, strongly condemning the attack

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Agriculture Deptt. organizes Hands-on Training prog. on Vermicomposting in Diglipur

Diglipur, Apr. 26

In a significant move to empower rural women and promote sustainable agriculture, the Zonal Agriculture Office, Diglipur organized a Hands-on Training programme on Vermicomposting for the members of the Agro Women Multipurpose Cooperative Society Ltd., V.S.Pally today. The training was held at the Multipurpose Farm, Keralapuram, with the aim of building technical skills and encouraging



income-generating agricultural practices among women. The Agro Women Multipurpose Cooperative Society Ltd., comprising 15 proactive women members, is currently in the process of registration. The group is formed to involve actively in agricultural ventures, particularly, the production and sale of vermicompost, a key organic input that enhances soil fertility and supports eco-friendly farming.

The training programme commenced with a welcome address by Smti. Seena Pillai, Agriculture Officer (I/c), Diglipur, who highlighted the importance of women's participation in agriculture and urged the members to work collectively towards becoming a self-sustaining and market-ready enterprise. Shri S. Senthil Kumar, Agriculture Assistant, led the practical session, a press release from Agriculture Department said.

Induction Programme organized for newly selected athletes by SAI, STC

Sri Vijaya Puram, Apr. 26

An Induction Programme for newly selected athletes was organized by the Sports Authority of India (SAI) Sports Training Centre at Sri Vijaya Puram. The induction programme underscored SAI's ongoing efforts to expand the reach of sports and provide structured training and infrastructure to talented youth from every corner of the Islands. This year, for



the first time the selection trials were conducted in various parts of the Islands like Harminder Bay, Hutbay, Nancowry, Shoal Bay etc. It marks a major shift in the history of SAI. The Director of

sports persons embarking on their athletic journey. The occasion was also graced by Shri Vinayak Chamadia, Additional District Magistrate, South Andaman District and Dr. Shweta Bajaj, Lecturer, DBRAIT and a certified yoga trainer. Smt. Debasmita Bal Chamadia, Assistant Director, Sports Authority of India delivered the vote of thanks, a press release from SAI said.

Special sensitization camp held for marine fishers & general public in the wake of recent terrorism activity

Mayabunder, Apr. 26

A sensitization camp was conducted for fishermen and coastal community at Pokkadera village under Mayabunder Tehsil on Apr. 24. The main objective of the sensitization camp was to discuss various aspects of national security in the wake of recent incidence of terrorism activity in the international border. The



programme was organized by the Department of Fisheries, A&N Administration. Inspector P. Jojo, Superintendent of Police, Ms. Shweta Sugathan, IPS and supported by

any suspicious activity noticed in the high seas. He also appreciated the efforts of the fishermen community for sharing vital inputs on the movement of poachers and anti-national elements in the sea and creek. The Assistant Director of Fisheries, Shri Tapan Kumar Biswas reiterated responsibility of

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Mock Drill conducted by Disaster Management Department



Sri Vijaya Puram, Apr. 26 A comprehensive mock drill simulating a road accident scenario was successfully conducted yesterday near Sippighat Government Middle School by Director

of Disaster Management as per 2nd Quarter Mock Drill Calendar - 2025. The exercise was a collaborative effort involving the Transport Department, District

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Holiday Camp for students at Science Centre from May 2

Sri Vijaya Puram, Apr. 26

The Science Centre, located at Goodwill Estate, Corbyn's Cove Road, Sri Vijaya Puram is organizing "Holiday Camp" for the benefit of the students studying in Class VI to VIII w.e.f May 2 to 30, 2025. The training shall be given in the following trades/disciplines: - Aero Modeling, Fun Chemistry, Creative Science, Robotronics, Fun Biology, Rocket Modeling, 3D

Modeling & Drone Making. The camp is earmarked weekly for two subjects during which the subject will be dealt in detail with hands on experiments. Registration of students has commenced from April 25 & shall continue till April 27, 2025 from 10.30 am to 5 pm by paying a registration fee of Rs. 500/- per trade alongwith a xerox copy of Aadhaar Card. (Contd. on last page)

India's Triumph in Combating Poverty

171 Million Lifted from Extreme Poverty in 10 Years, Says World Bank

New Delhi, Apr. 26 (PIB)

INTRODUCTION

In one of the most remarkable achievements of the past decade, India has lifted 171 million people out of extreme poverty. The World Bank acknowledges India's decisive fight against poverty in its Spring 2025 Poverty and Equity Brief. According to the report, the proportion of people living on less than 2.15 US dollars a day, which is the international benchmark for extreme poverty, fell sharply from 16.2 percent in 2011-12 to just 2.3 percent in 2022-23.

This achievement is a testament to the Government of India's commitment to inclusive development, focusing on both rural and urban areas. Through targeted welfare schemes, economic reforms, and increased access to essential services, India has made substantial strides in reducing poverty levels. The World Bank's Spring 2025 Poverty and Equity Brief highlights how these efforts have significantly impacted the lives of millions, narrowing the poverty gap across the country.

Overview of the World Bank's Poverty and Equity Briefs (PEBs)

The Poverty and Equity Briefs (PEBs) from the World Bank highlight trends in poverty, shared prosperity, and inequality for over 100 developing countries. Published twice

a year for the Spring and Annual Meetings of the World Bank Group and the International Monetary Fund, these briefs offer a snapshot of a country's poverty and inequality context, ensuring poverty reduction remains a global priority. Each PEB includes a two-page summary that presents recent developments in poverty reduction, along with updated data on key development indicators.

These indicators cover various aspects of poverty, including rates of poverty and the total number of poor, using both national poverty lines and international benchmarks (\$2.15 for extreme poverty, \$3.65 for lower-middle-income, and \$6.85 for upper-middle-income). The briefs also include comparative trends in poverty and inequality over time and across countries, a multidimensional poverty measure that accounts for non-monetary deprivations like education and basic services, and inequality measurements using the Gini Index.

Rural and Urban Poverty Reduction

The World Bank's Poverty and Equity Brief for India finds that the sharp reduction in extreme poverty has been broad-based, covering both rural and urban areas.

Key findings:

⇒ In Rural areas, extreme poverty fell from 18.4 percent in 2011-12 to 2.8 percent in 2022-23.

⇒ In Urban centres, extreme poverty reduced from 10.7 percent to 1.1 percent over the same period.

⇒ The gap between rural and urban poverty shrank from 7.7 percentage points to 1.7 percentage points, with an annual decline rate of 16

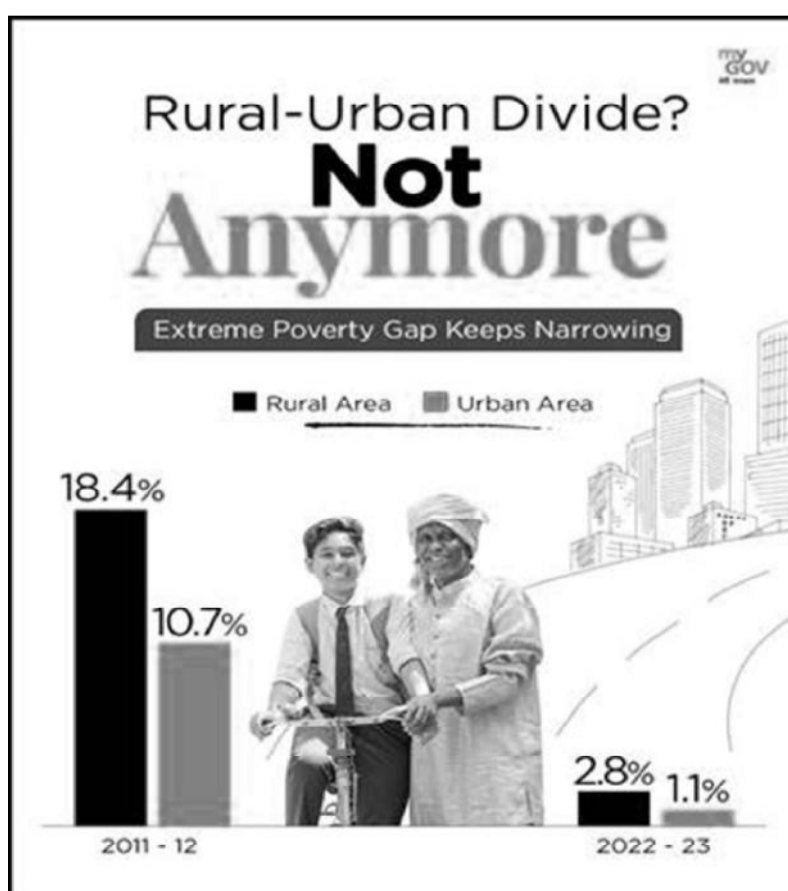
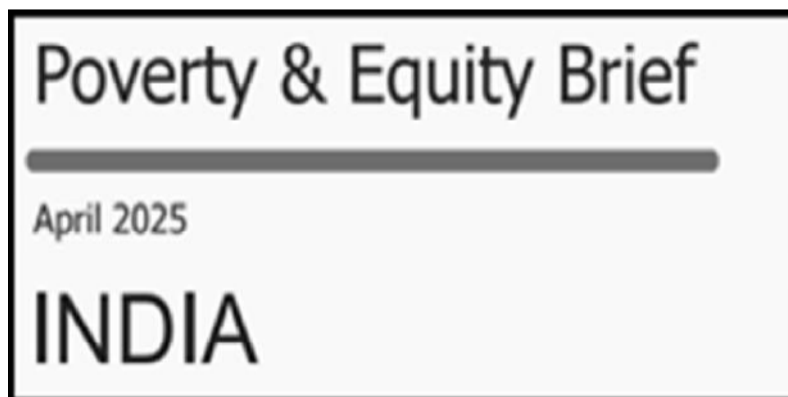
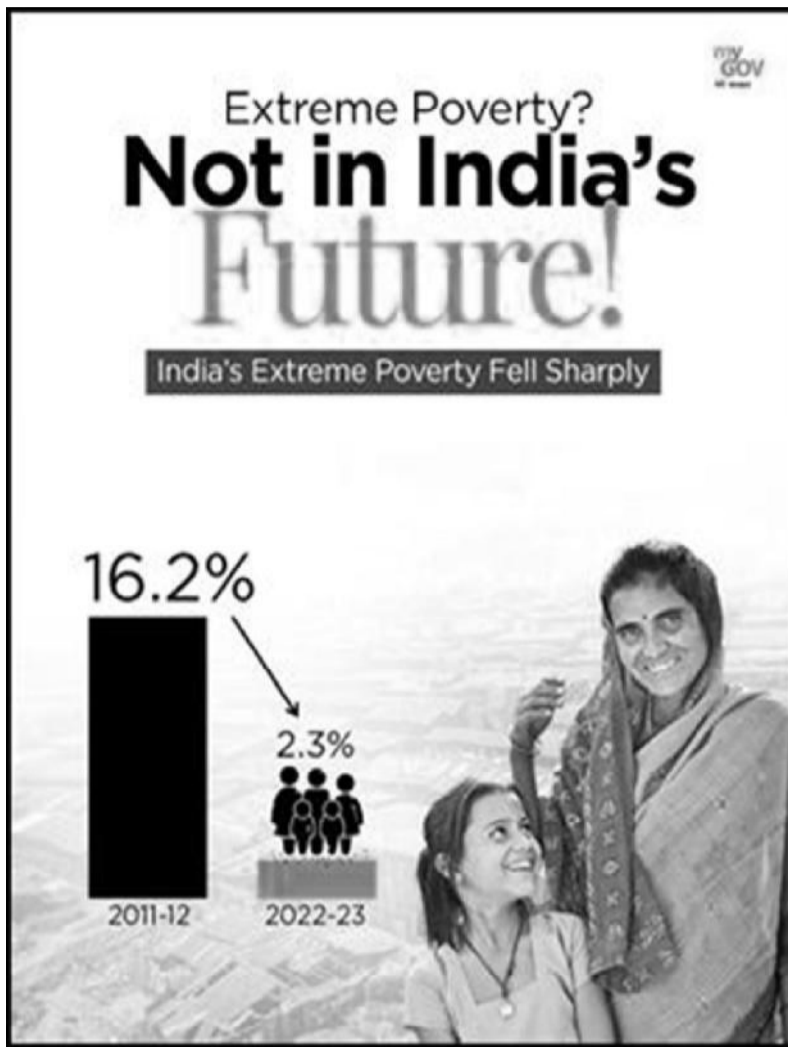
percent between 2011-12 and 2022-23.

Strong Gains at Lower-Middle-Income Poverty Line

The World Bank finds that India has made strong gains in reducing poverty at the lower-middle-income level, measured at 3.65 US dollars per day. Millions have benefited from this broad-based growth across both rural and urban areas.

Key findings:

⇒ India's poverty rate at the 3.65 dollars per day line fell from 61.8 percent in 2011-12 to 28.1 percent in 2022-23, lifting 378 million people out of poverty.



⇒ Rural poverty declined from 69 percent to 32.5 percent, while urban poverty dropped from 43.5 percent to 17.2 percent.

⇒ The rural-urban poverty gap narrowed from 25 to 15 percentage points, with a 7 percent annual decline between 2011-12 and 2022-23.

Key States Contributing to Poverty Reduction

The report notes that significant progress has been made in reducing extreme poverty across India, with key states playing a vital role in both the decline of poverty and the advancement of inclusive development.

Key findings:

⇒ The five most populous states i.e. Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Bihar, West Bengal, and Madhya Pradesh, represented 65 percent of India's extreme poor in 2011-12.

⇒ By 2022-23, these states contributed to two-thirds of the overall decline in extreme poverty.

Decline in Multidimensional Poverty and Revised Estimates

As per World Bank's report, India has made significant strides in reducing non-monetary poverty, and future poverty estimates are expected to change based on updated global standards.

Key findings:

⇒ Non-monetary poverty, as measured by the Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI), which considers factors like education, health, and living conditions, declined from 53.8 percent in 2005-06 to 16.4 percent by 2019-21.

⇒ The World Bank's Multidimensional Poverty Measure stood at 15.5 percent in 2022-23, reflecting ongoing improvements in living conditions.

⇒ With revised international poverty lines (the minimum income needed to meet basic needs) and the adoption of 2021 Purchasing Power Parities (PPPs) (which adjust for differences in living costs between countries), the new poverty rates for 2022-23 are expected to be 5.3 percent for extreme poverty and 23.9 percent for lower-middle-income poverty.

⇒ India's consumption-based Gini index improved from 28.8 in 2011-12 to 25.5 in 2022-23, indicating a reduction in income inequality.

Employment Growth and Shifts in Workforce Trends

India has witnessed positive trends in employment growth, particularly since 2021-22, with significant improvements in both rural and urban areas, as highlighted in the World Bank's report.

Key findings:

⇒ Employment growth has outpaced the working-age population since 2021-22, with rising employment rates, especially among women.

⇒ Urban unemployment fell to 6.6 percent in Q1 FY24/25, the lowest since 2017-18.

⇒ Recent data indicates a shift of male workers from rural to urban areas for the first time since 2018-19, while rural female employment in agriculture has grown.

⇒ Self-employment has risen, particularly among rural workers and women, contributing to economic participation.

Conclusion

In conclusion, India has made remarkable progress in poverty reduction over the past decade. The Spring 2025 World Bank's Poverty and Equity Brief highlights these achievements. It underscores the country's commitment to inclusive development. The sharp decline in both extreme and lower-middle-income poverty, along with the narrowing rural-urban poverty gap, reflects the effective efforts of the Government of India. Additionally, the rise in employment, especially among women, and the reduction in multidimensional poverty point to broader improvements in living standards. As India continues its journey, these achievements serve as a solid foundation for sustained progress in tackling poverty and inequality.



