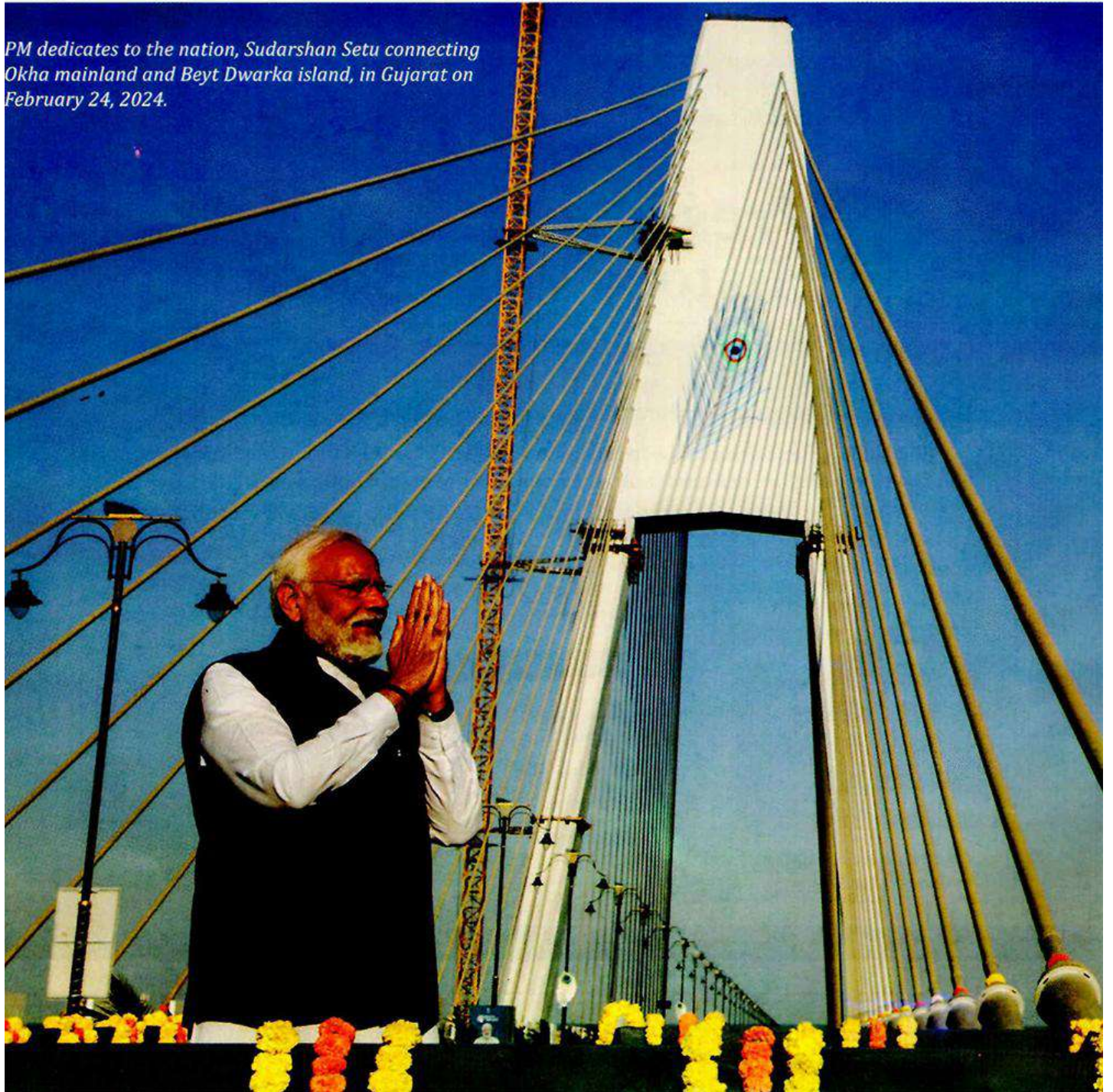


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Progress, Prosperity & People-First Governance

PM dedicates to the nation, Sudarshan Setu connecting Okha mainland and Beyt Dwarka island, in Gujarat on February 24, 2024.



Shri Narendra Modi took charge of Gujarat in the aftermath of the devastating earthquake of 2001, at a time when the state was passing through one of its most difficult phases. The challenges were immense: the administrative machinery was strained, public confidence was shaken, and development was barely moving an inch. Yet, with perseverance and a clear vision, he not only brought Gujarat back on the path of progress but also laid the foundation for a transformative development journey that came to be recognised as the 'Gujarat Model' across India and the world. During his tenure, he ushered Gujarat onto a path of development through good governance, while remaining committed to the welfare and progress of every section of society. Guided by the principle of public service and the welfare of the poor, and viewing politics not as a means to power but as an

instrument of service and development, Shri Narendra Modi transformed Gujarat's identity. The stature Gujarat enjoys today is, in many ways, a reflection of the vision, direction and guidance he provided.

Since he assumed office as the Prime Minister in 2014, Gujarat has continued to advance its development under his guidance. His vision is reflected in the policies, schemes, and initiatives undertaken by the state, steadily guiding efforts towards building a *Viksit Gujarat* and contributing to the vision of *Viksit Bharat*.

Blueprint for a *Viksit Gujarat*: Development Through Strategic Policy Framework

Gujarat is renowned for its visionary and forward-looking policies, which have played a pivotal role in accelerating the state's development. Recognising that sustained and rapid development requires policies that are clear in intent, pragmatic in approach and transparent in implementation, the state has launched 19 key policies that provide direction and impetus to its evolving economic landscape.

The scope of this policy framework extends well beyond the New Industrial Policy 2026. While strengthening Gujarat's established industrial base, the state has simultaneously positioned itself at the forefront of emerging sectors by introducing dedicated policies for semiconductors, electronics, science, technology and innovation, IT/ITeS, renewable energy, green hydrogen, space-tech, Global Capability Centres (GCCs), data centres, and shipbuilding. These policies reflect Gujarat's vision of anticipating the industries of tomorrow while creating the ecosystem for them today.

They have strengthened Gujarat's investment ecosystem and advanced the state's commitment to 'Ease of Doing Business'. Single-window facilities, online application processes and real-time tracking of proposals have significantly reduced procedural complexities, helping investors and industries to navigate the approval process with greater ease, transparency, and certainty. The New Industrial Policy 2026 marks another significant step in this direction. For the first time in the country, Gujarat has given industries the flexibility to choose from incentives such as capital, interest and power subsidies according to their specific requirements. Gujarat is also the first state in the country to introduce a dedicated policy for the semiconductor sector, reflecting its readiness to build



In the history of any state or nation, the true measure of leadership is revealed in times of crisis; in the courage to unite people; to turn adversity into an opportunity; to firmly reform inherited systems and administrative frameworks rather than merely lamenting their shortcomings; and to guide the state towards holistic development. This is the leadership that I, along with millions of Gujaratis, witnessed and experienced during Shri Narendra Modi's tenure as the Chief Minister of Gujarat.

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capabilities in industries that will shape the future. It is this combination of policy foresight, institutional responsiveness, and an investment-friendly ecosystem that has positioned Gujarat as a preferred destination for investors, both from across India and around the world.

The development of a state cannot be measured solely by economic growth, investment, and modern infrastructure. The true strength and sustainability of development also rest on the quality of governance that supports it: governance that is effective in delivery, transparent in functioning, accountable in its actions and prepared for the challenges of the future. As public aspirations evolve, technology transforms the way we live and work, and the economy expands at an unprecedented pace, governance and administrative systems must evolve with them.

This calls for more than cumulative improvements. It requires a continual process of institutional reform, administrative renewal and a clear, long-term perspective on the state's development priorities. With this understanding, Gujarat has established the Gujarat Administrative Reforms Commission (GARC) and the Gujarat Rajya Institution for Transformation (GRIT). The establishment of such institutions reflects

a sincere commitment to strengthening governance and ensuring Gujarat's uninterrupted progress.

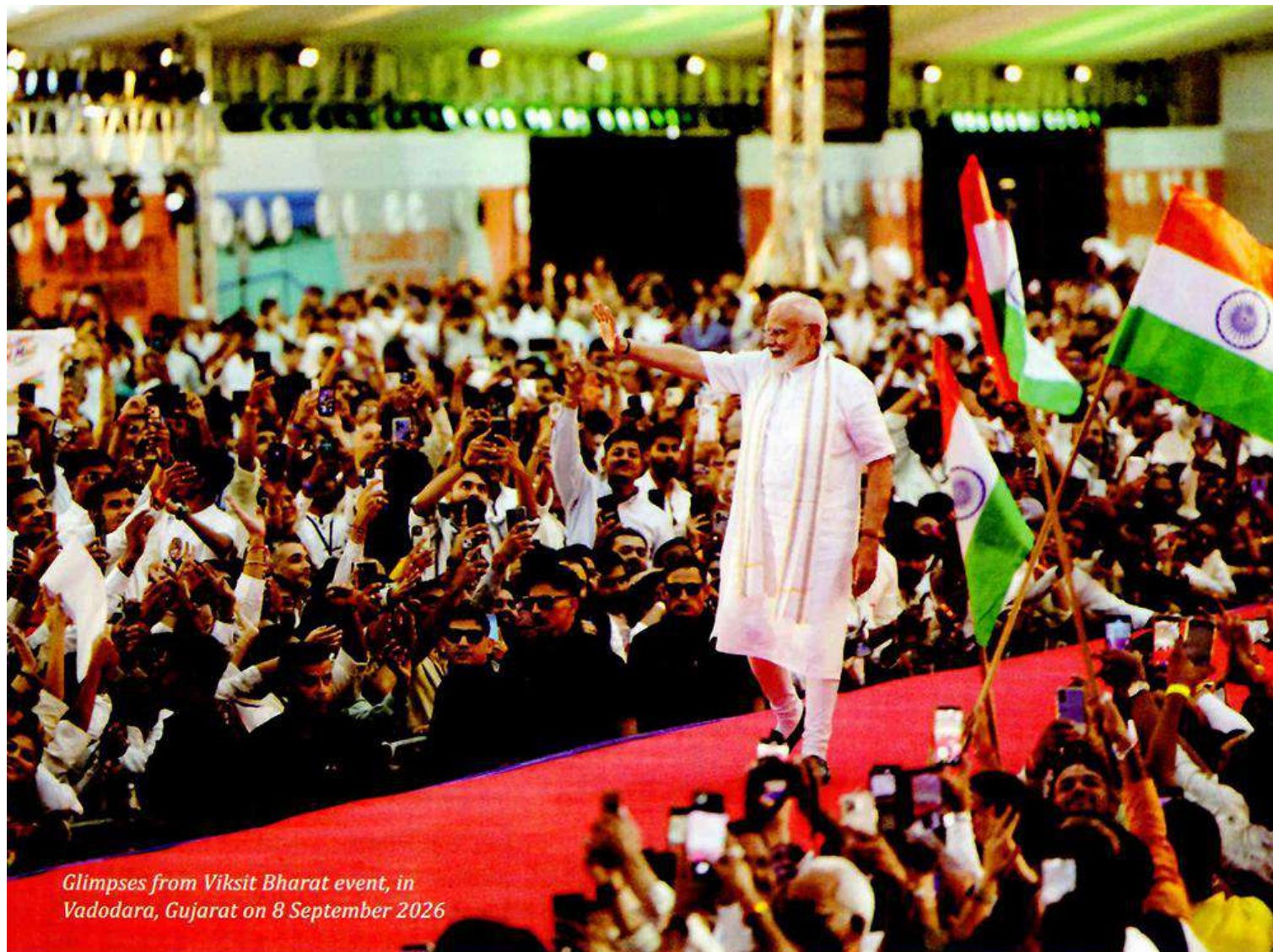
GARC: An Effective Initiative for Administrative Reform

However sound and well-conceived a policy may be, its success ultimately depends on the administrative machinery entrusted with its implementation. Recognising the need for an administration that is capable, agile, and responsive to the changing demands of governance, Gujarat established the Gujarat Administrative Reforms Commission (GARC) in 2025. The objective of this commission is to comprehensively review the state's administrative systems, processes and operational practices, and make them simpler, more effective, and accountable. Through this, the state aims to create a work culture that optimises resources and delivers efficient, citizen-centric public services.

GARC is undertaking administrative reforms across governance and administrative structures, human resource rationalisation and financial management, decentralisation and local governance, technology and innovation, and monitoring and evaluation. It aims to build an administration that continuously learns, adapts and improves, remains responsive to evolving needs, and delivers better outcomes. The

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi interacts with Lakhpati Didis on the occasion of International Women's Day at Navsari, in Gujarat on 8 March 2025.





Glimpses from Viksit Bharat event, in Vadodara, Gujarat on 8 September 2026

progress made so far is reflected in the six reports submitted by the Commission to the government of Gujarat, documenting its studies, consultations, and recommendations for administrative reform.

GRIT: Shaping Gujarat's Strategic Development Agenda

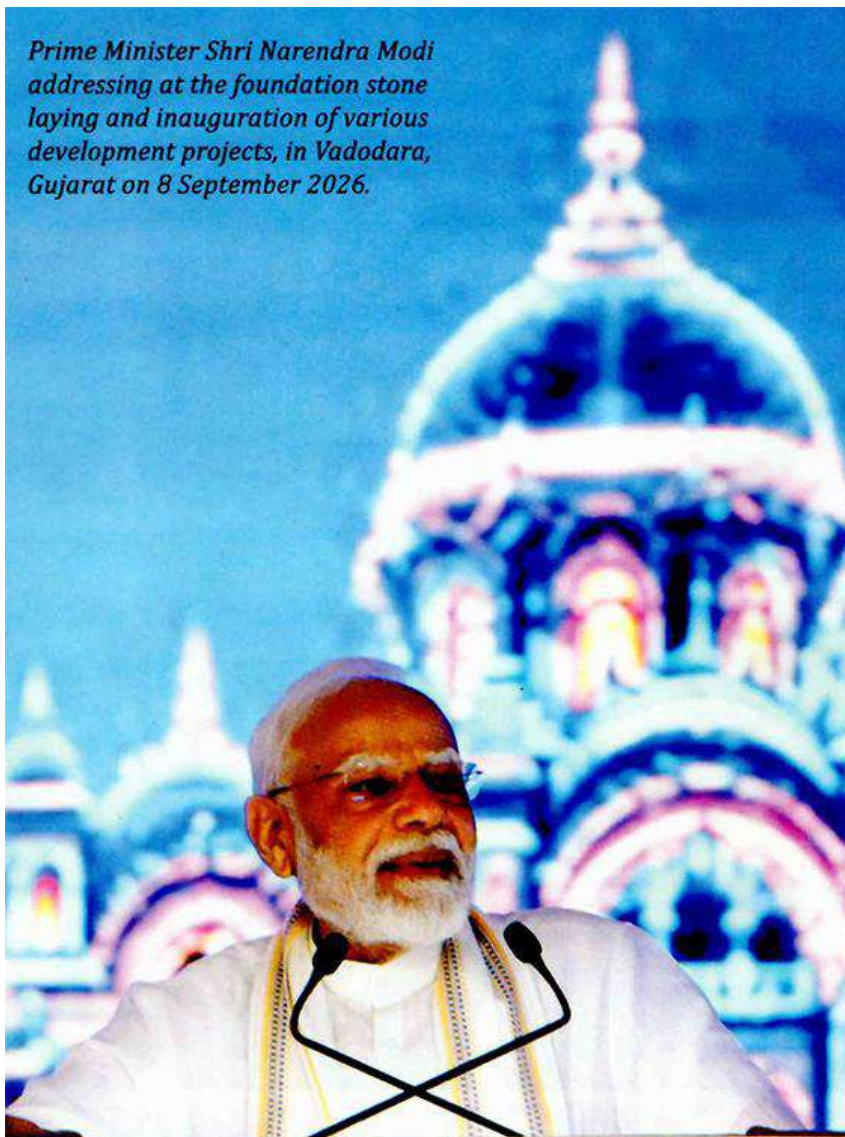
To realise the vision of *Viksit Bharat@2047*, Gujarat has prepared the *Viksit Gujarat@2047* vision document, providing a clear and long-term roadmap for the state. To give institutional strength and direction to this vision, the Gujarat Rajya Institution for Transformation (GRIT) was formed in 2024 on the lines of NITI Aayog. As a state-level think tank, GRIT provides strategic guidance in translating the long- and short-term objectives of the Vision Document into actionable plans. Its mandate brings together long-term development priorities with policy, research, data and implementation, while drawing on expertise from diverse sectors such as finance, agriculture, health, education, and industry.

A key priority for GRIT is to advance development through a sector- and region-specific approach.

By combining strategic foresight with data-driven recommendations, it is helping shape Regional Economic Master Plans, with plans already prepared for six major economic regions of the state. These plans provide region-specific development roadmaps based on each region's economic potential, industrial strengths, infrastructure, human resources and investment prospects, ensuring that growth builds on the distinct strengths and opportunities of every part of Gujarat.

GRIT also provides recommendations and monitors growth across key sectors, namely industry, agriculture, investment and exports, to support balanced and broad-based economic development. It identifies 'thrust areas' for long-term and inclusive growth while promoting emerging technologies and innovative programmes, including Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, the Internet of Things (IoT), robotics, GIS, drone technology and blockchain. Its approach integrates economic growth, infrastructure, innovation, human capital, institutional capacity, and regional balance to shape

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi addressing at the foundation stone laying and inauguration of various development projects, in Vadodara, Gujarat on 8 September 2026.



an integrated and sustainable development strategy for *Viksit* Gujarat.

From Grassroots Development to Global Ambition: Gujarat's 25-Year Journey

Under the visionary leadership of Shri Narendra Modi, Gujarat embarked on a remarkable journey of development. There was a new approach to governance during his tenure as Chief Minister of Gujarat, with initiatives such as the *Garib Kalyan Mela*, *Krishi Mahotsav*, *Pashu Swasthya Mela*, *Khel Mahakumbh*, *Shala Praveshotsav* and *Kanya Kelavani Rath Yatra* bringing governance closer to the people. The *Jyotigram Yojana* ensured electricity reached all 18,000 villages of Gujarat, while the *Mukhyamantri Amrutam* (MA) Yojana expanded free hospital treatment to poor and middle-class families. At the same time, the Narmada Project was pursued with determination, completing a project that has become a lifeline for crores of Gujaratis.

The Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit became one of the defining expressions of this vision. Conceived to showcase Gujarat's industrial potential, policy stability, and investment opportunities to investors from India and across the world, it has evolved into a globally recognised platform for investment, technology, partnerships and economic cooperation. It has also emerged as a forum for exchanging knowledge, best practices and ideas that can shape the future of economies. The Dholera Special Investment Region (Dholera SIR) and Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT City) stand as enduring examples of this foresight, developed not merely for current needs but also with an eye on the future.

Today, under the guidance of the Prime Minister, this legacy is being carried forward with renewed ambition. Education and healthcare remain among the foremost priorities, because a *Viksit* Gujarat must ultimately rest on the capabilities, well-being and aspirations of its people. Through the *Namo Lakshmi Yojana*, girls are being encouraged to continue their education through secondary and higher secondary



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Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi at the inauguration of Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit 2024 at Gandhinagar, in Gujarat on 10 January 2024.

levels, while the *Namo Saraswati Vigyan Sadhana Yojana* inspires students to pursue science. Under the *Mission Schools of Excellence*, 13,353 new classrooms, 21,000 new computer labs, 109,000 new smart classrooms and 5,000 new STEM labs have been set up across Gujarat. Medical treatment assistance available to citizens under the *Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana-Mukhyamantri Amrutam*, has been doubled from Rs 5 lakh to Rs 10 lakh. More than 2.92 crore *Ayushman* cards have been issued in the state, while the *Namo Shri Yojana* is strengthening health and nutrition support for pregnant women.

Gujarat's commitment to development extends across every dimension of life and every region of the state. Under the *Nal Se Jal Yojana*, 100 per cent of households have been provided with tap water connections. Gujarat has also secured approval for six semiconductor plants, the highest number of approved semiconductor plants in the country, strengthening its position in one of the most strategically important sectors of the future.

With *Sugam Digital Gujarat*, citizen services are being made paperless, cashless, and faceless. Under the Student Startup and Innovation Policy, financial assistance of up to Rs 2.50 lakh has been provided for 6,077 'Proof of Concept' projects, nurturing innovation

among young people. A total of 8.39 lakh *Lakhpati Didis* have been empowered, 8 lakh farmers have been supported in adopting natural farming, and 11.47 lakh solar rooftop panels have been installed under the *PM Surya Ghar Yojana*. Through the *Kisan Suryodaya Yojana*, regular daytime electricity supply is being provided to more than 17,200 villages, benefiting over 21 lakh farmers. At the same time, the *Gujarat SpaceTech Policy* is opening new avenues for investment and growth in the space sector. From basic amenities and human development to semiconductors, digital governance, clean energy and space technology, Gujarat's development today spans the entire spectrum of aspiration.

Under the guidance of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, Gujarat continues to move towards new horizons of development, carrying forward the confidence and momentum built over the past 25 years. This remarkable journey has laid a strong foundation for an even more ambitious future, as the state advances towards the goal of a *Viksit Gujarat* and contributes with renewed purpose to the national aspiration of *Viksit Bharat*. For Gujarat, development is no longer merely a measure of progress; it has become a way of life, a shared aspiration and a collective commitment to build a better future for generations to come. □