

Highlights of the President's Address, 2026

The President of India, Ms. Droupadi Murmu, addressed a joint sitting of both Houses of Parliament on January 28, 2026. She outlined the major policy achievements and objectives of the government in her address. Key highlights of the address include:

Economy

- GST reforms have led to citizens saving more than one lakh crore rupees.
- Last year, income above Rs 12 lakh per annum was exempted from taxation. The Income Tax law was replaced.

Infrastructure and Transport

- Last year, around 18,000 kilometres of rural roads were added. Almost the entire rural population is now connected by roads.
- More than 150 Vande Bharat trains have been introduced. Vande Bharat sleeper trains were introduced between Bengal and Assam.
- India's metro network crossed 1,000 kilometres, making it the third largest network in the world.
- In the last decade, more than four crore pucca houses have been built for the poor. Possession of 32 lakh houses was handed over last year.
- In the five years of Jal Jeevan Mission, 12.5 crore household have been provided piped water connection. Of this, one crore households were added in the last year.
- In the last 11 years, more than 7,200 kilometres of National Highways have been constructed in the North-Eastern region. Further, 50,000 kilometres of rural roads have been built. More than Rs 80,000 crore have been invested in development of railways in the region.

Industry and Commerce

- The Production Linked Incentive scheme has attracted investment of around two lakh crore rupees. Production worth more than Rs 17 lakh crore has been achieved.
- The production of electronics reached Rs 11 lakh crore, increasing sixfold in the last 11 years. Over 25 lakh jobs have been created in electronics manufacturing. India became the second largest country in mobile manufacturing.
- In 2025, four more semiconductor manufacturing units were sanctioned. A total of 10 such units are going to commence operations.
- A package of Rs 70,000 crore has been announced for the shipping sector. Large ships have been granted infrastructure status. Old maritime laws have been replaced.

- India has become the third largest startup ecosystem in the world. Around two lakh startups have been registered in the country, of which around 50,000 registered in the last year.
- In 2025-26, India's smartphone exports crossed one lakh crore rupees. India has started exporting electric vehicles to more than 100 countries.

Energy

- SHANTI Act has been enacted to achieve the target of 100 gigawatts of nuclear energy by 2047.
- Through PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana, around 20 lakh rooftop solar systems have been installed.
- Under the Ujjwala Yojana, more than 10 crore households have been provided with LPG connections so far.

Labour, skilling and job creation

- For the protection and welfare of workers, dozens of labour laws have been consolidated into four Codes.
- The Viksit Bharat G RAM G Act (which replaced MGNREGA) will ensure 125 days of guaranteed employment in villages. It will help create new facilities for the farmers, livestock farmers, and fishermen.
- Under the Mudra Yojana, more than Rs 38 lakh crore has been provided to small entrepreneurs. Around 12 crore loans have been disbursed for first-time self-employment.
- Under the Prime Minister Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana, more than 3.5 crore new jobs are being created.
- More than 20 lakh youths are employed with the two lakh registered start-ups.
- Under PM Setu scheme, Rs 60,000 crore is being spent to upgrade more than 1,000 Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs).
- More than 60,000 youths have been trained for the semiconductor industry and 10 lakh youths are being trained in the Artificial Intelligence sector.
- Under the PM Vishwakarma scheme, more than 20 lakh artisans have received training and banking support.
- Under PM SVANidhi scheme, 72 lakh street vendors have been provided with financial assistance worth Rs 16,000 crore.
- Research and innovation are being promoted through Anusandhan National Research Foundation, Atal Innovation Mission and Atal

Tinkering labs.

Health

- Under the Ayushman Bharat Yojana, more than 11 crore free medical treatments have been provided until 2025. Of these, 2.5 crore treatments were provided last year.
- Under the Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana and the Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana, claims worth more than Rs 24,000 crore have been disbursed to provide insurance cover.
- In the last 18 months, around one crore senior citizens have received Vay Vandana cards. Around eight lakh senior citizens have received free medical treatment.
- Around 1.8 lakh Ayushman Arogya Mandirs have been set up across the country.
- More than 6.5 crore citizens have been screened under Sickle Cell Anaemia Elimination Mission.

Agriculture

- Last year over 350 million tonne of food grains were produced. Around 150 million tonne of rice was produced.
- The Agriculture Infrastructure Fund has attracted private investment of over Rs 1.25 lakh crore.
- Under the PM Kisan Samman Nidhi, more than four lakh crore rupees have been transferred to farmers.
- In 2024-25, fish production reached around 200 lakh tonnes.
- A new policy has been formulated to provide fisherman living along the coastline benefits of the Exclusive Economic Zone.

Social Justice

- In the last decade, 25 crore citizens have overcome poverty.
- Last year, more than 6.75 lakh crore rupees have

been transferred to beneficiaries through Direct benefit Transfer.

- Around 95 crore citizens have social security cover.
- Under PM JANMAN scheme, more than 2.5 lakh houses have been provided in tribal villages. Along with the Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan, more than one lakh crore rupees has been spent on these two schemes.
- In the last 11 years scholarships worth Rs 42,000 crore have been granted to students belonging to Scheduled Caste communities.
- More than 400 Eklavya Model Residential schools have been established for the education of tribal children.

Women empowerment

- Around 10 crore women have been connected to Self-Help Groups.
- More than 60 lakh women became Lakhpati Didi in the last year, increasing the number of Lakhpati Didi in the country to two crore.
- Under the 'Swasth Nari, Sashakt Parivar' campaign, around seven crore women have received health check-ups.
- The first batch of women cadets graduated from the National Defence Academy.

Governance

- Through the Jan Vishwas Act, 2025, more than 300 offenses have been decriminalised.

Defence and Internal affairs

- The number of maoist affected districts has been reduced from 126 to eight. Of these, only three districts remain most affected. In the last year, around 2,000 maoists have surrendered.
- In 2025, India's defence production crossed Rs 1.5 lakh crore. Defence exports crossed Rs 23 thousand crore.

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