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ACCOUNT FROM THE RED FORT 17 crore Jan
Dhan accounts by August 2015 (12.5 crore by the 26
January 2015 deadline); toilets completed in 2.62
lakh schools; 10 crore social security enrolments in
100 days; 20 lakh families gave up the LPG subsidy.

- **Startup India** — “Let there be no district, no block, where new startups have not begun” — launched on 16 January 2016.
TODAY More than 2.35 lakh recognised startups and 131 unicorns (June 2026).
- **Electricity to 18,500 Villages in 1,000 Days** — “The resolve of Team India” — poles, wires and electricity.
TODAY On 28 April 2018, electricity reached the last village, Leisang (Manipur) — ahead of the deadline; zero villages left without electricity.
- **Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare** — the Agriculture Ministry’s name and vision changed — the welfare of the farmer along with farming.
TODAY The Department of Agriculture’s budget from ₹21,933 crore (2013-14) to ₹1,30,561 crore (2026-27).
- **By 2022, a Home for Every Poor Person and 24-Hour Electricity** — a resolve for 75 years of Independence — let the country’s 6 lakh villages, every citizen and every department each take one pledge.
TODAY 4.21 crore pucca houses (2014–2024); in 2024, a resolve for 3 crore more houses.
- **Stand-Up India** — every bank branch should lend to one Dalit or tribal entrepreneur and one woman entrepreneur — from 5 April 2016.
TODAY Loans of ₹10 lakh to ₹1 crore to Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribe and women entrepreneurs; the scheme was extended to 2025.
- **One Rank, One Pension** — “We have accepted it in principle” — a demand pending for 20-25 years.
TODAY Notified on 7 November 2015, effective from 1 July 2014; pension to be revised every five years.
- **A Shield of Social Security** — Suraksha Bima (₹12 per year), Jeevan Jyoti Bima (₹330 per year) and Atal Pension — “crores of people who have no shield of security”.
TODAY Account in the 15 August 2026 address: a shield of social security for 100 crore citizens in a decade.