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ACCOUNT FROM THE RED FORT Electricity reached 10,000 of the 18,000 villages; 21 crore Jan Dhan accounts; 4 crore new gas connections in 60 weeks; more than 2 crore rural toilets.

- Ujjwala Yojana** — gas stoves for 5 crore poor families in three years; 50 lakh connections in the first 100 days.
TODAY 10.57 crore connections — in the names of women (September 2026).
- Health Assistance of up to ₹1 lakh for Poor Families** — the Government of India will bear the treatment expenses of families below the poverty line, up to ₹1 lakh a year.
TODAY Ayushman Bharat in 2018 — ₹5 lakh cover per family; more than 60 crore beneficiaries (September 2026).
- Soil Health Card** — “Those who made a plan saw their expenses fall by about 25%” — a national version of Gujarat’s experiment.
TODAY About 26 crore cards (March 2026).
- Post Office Payments Bank** — the step of converting post offices into payments banks — a banking network in every village.
TODAY India Post Payments Bank from 1 September 2018 — the postman is the bank.
- Maternity Leave of 26 Weeks** — increased from 12 to 26 weeks — “so that a mother can nurture her child”.
TODAY In force through the Maternity Benefit (Amendment) Act, 2017.
- GST Law Passed** — Constitutional amendment by unanimous consent — “all parties deserve congratulations”.
TODAY One nation, one tax since 1 July 2017; a record monthly collection of ₹2.42 lakh crore in April 2026.
- e-NAM** — a network of mandis of the same kind across the country — so that farmers can sell their produce online in any mandi.
TODAY 1.8 crore farmers and 1,656 mandis have been linked (March 2026).