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ACCOUNT FROM THE RED FORT In the new government's first ten weeks, ₹90,000 crore of PM-KISAN reached farmers' accounts; 1,450 unnecessary laws repealed in five years; economy from 2 to 3 trillion dollars.

- **Jal Jeevan Mission — Har Ghar Jal** — clean drinking water to every home; more than ₹3.5 lakh crore over the coming years.
TODAY Rural tap connections from 3.23 crore (16.7%) to 15.91 crore (82.2%) — August 2026.
- **₹100 lakh crore of Modern Infrastructure** — over five years, across Sagarmala, Bharatmala, railways, airports, hospitals and educational institutions.
TODAY The Centre's capital expenditure from ₹1.88 lakh crore (2013-14) to ₹12.22 lakh crore (2026-27); National Highways 1,46,572 km.
- **Ministry of Jal Shakti** — the Centre and states to plan together on the water crisis — a new Ministry.
TODAY Nal Se Jal, Namami Gange, Atal Bhujal and water-sharing agreements — all under one Ministry.
- **Freedom from Single-Use Plastic** — campaign from 2 October 2019 — “a small expectation”.
TODAY Nationwide ban on identified single-use plastic items from 1 July 2022.
- **Chief of Defence Staff** — one leadership at the top for all three services — “Today we have decided”.
TODAY General Bipin Rawat became the first CDS on 1 January 2020; General Anil Chauhan (September 2022 – May 2026); General N. S. Raja Subramani since 31 May 2026.
- **5 Trillion Dollar Economy** — “This dream should be every Indian's” — in five years.
TODAY GDP from ₹112 lakh crore (2013-14) to ₹346 lakh crore (2025-26); among the top five economies of the world.
- **Articles 370 and 35A** — a two-thirds majority in both Houses within the new government's first 70 days.
TODAY On 11 December 2023, a Constitution Bench of the Supreme Court upheld the validity of the decision; Assembly elections were held in 2024.