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ACCOUNT FROM THE RED FORT Tap water to 15 crore families; 1 crore Lakhpati Didis; 4 crore pucca houses and a pledge of 3 crore new homes; 25 crore people out of poverty; nearly 1 lakh medical seats.

- **75,000 New Medical Seats in Five Years** — opportunities within the country itself for the 25 thousand students who go abroad every year.
TODAY MBBS seats from 51,348 (2014) to 1,39,489 (July 2026); medical colleges from 387 to 844.
- **Semiconductor Mission** — “Why should there not be a Made in India chip in every device?” — production in India along with research.
TODAY 12 projects, ₹1.64 lakh crore (May 2026); account in the 15 August 2026 address: output of three plants has begun to be exported.
- **PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana** — rooftop solar on 1 crore homes — “Free electricity bills”; announced in February 2024.
TODAY Account in the 15 August 2026 address: solar on 50 lakh homes; Gujarat first in the country.
- **One Nation, One Election** — after the committee’s report, an appeal to political parties to come forward “with the Tricolour as witness”.
TODAY Constitution (129th Amendment) Bill introduced in the Lok Sabha in December 2024 — under consideration by a Joint Parliamentary Committee.
- **Nyaya Sanhita — Justice, Not Punishment** — three new codes from 1 July 2024 — replacing the Indian Penal Code of 1860.
TODAY Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam in force; end of the sedition law.
- **500 GW Renewable Energy by 2030, Railways Net Zero** — “What a big goal this is” — towards a net-zero future.
TODAY Non-fossil capacity more than 300 GW — 54% of the total (August 2026); rail electrification 99.6%.
- **2036 Olympics** — “It is India’s dream that the 2036 Olympics be held on Indian soil”.
TODAY Letter of intent to the International Olympic Committee in October 2024; nationwide talent hunt for children aged 5–15 years announced in 2026.