

PM Modi's I-Day Address: A Vision for Reform, Self-Reliance, and Empowering Every Indian

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On the 79th Independence Day, PM Modi addressed the nation, highlighting India's journey of self-reliance and transformation. He said that over the past decade, India has been **reforming, performing, and transforming**, but now the time has come to move forward with even greater strength. He emphasized that the government is committed to creating a modern, efficient, and citizen-friendly ecosystem, where **laws, regulations, and processes** are simplified, entrepreneurship is encouraged, and every Indian can contribute to building a **Viksit Bharat**.

Simplifying Laws and Compliance

At the outset of his address, PM Modi said that over the past years, the government has undertaken a **historic wave of reforms**, abolishing over **40,000 unnecessary compliances** and repealing more than **1,500 outdated laws**. Dozens of other laws were simplified in Parliament, always keeping **citizens' interests at the forefront**.

In the recent session alone, **over 280 provisions** were removed, making governance simpler and more accessible for every Indian. PM Modi emphasized that reform is not just about economics, it is about **transforming the everyday lives of citizens**.

Among the key achievements, he highlighted:

- **Income Tax Reform and Faceless Assessment**, making the system transparent and efficient
- **Zero tax for annual income up to ₹12 lakh**, a benefit that many could not have imagined even a few years ago
- Replacement of outdated criminal laws with the **Bhartiya Nyay Sanhita**, simplifying justice and legal procedures

These reforms signal a **modern, citizen-centric government** where ordinary people can experience ease, fairness, and empowerment. PM Modi underscored that India is committed to **structural, regulatory, policy, process, and procedural reforms**, building a nation where governance works for the people, not the other way around.

Empowering Entrepreneurs and MSMEs

The government's reforms aim to **reduce compliance costs** for startups, MSMEs, and entrepreneurs, while ensuring freedom from the fear of outdated legal provisions. This creates a more **conducive environment for business growth**, encouraging innovation and economic self-reliance.

Next-Generation Reforms and Task Force

PM Modi announced the formation of a **Task Force for Next-Generation Reforms**, which will evaluate all current laws, rules, and procedures related to economic activities. The Task Force will work within a set timeline to:

- Reduce **compliance costs** for startups, MSMEs, and entrepreneurs
- Provide **freedom from fear of arbitrary legal actions**
- Ensure laws are streamlined for ease of doing business

These reforms are aimed at creating a **supportive ecosystem** for innovation, entrepreneurship, and economic growth.

Next-Generation GST Reforms

PM Modi announced the introduction of **Next-Generation GST reforms by this Diwali**, aimed at reducing taxes on daily-use items. “The government will bring Next Generation GST reforms, which will bring down tax burden on the common man. It will be a Diwali gift for you,” he said, ensuring that these reforms directly benefit citizens and stimulate economic activity.

Vision for the Future

PM Modi reiterated that instead of focusing on others’ limitations, India must **extend its own line of progress**. In a world of rising economic self-interest, the focus must be on **strengthening India’s capabilities, expanding opportunities, and empowering citizens**. These reforms mark the beginning of an accelerated phase of governance transformation, ensuring India is more resilient, inclusive, and globally competitive.

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