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India's Political Report Card

Congress (2004–2014) vs BJP (2014–2025)

A data-driven scroll through two decades of governance, growth, and grit.

This scroll compares the governance outcomes of India's two major political regimes—Congress-led UPA (2004–2014) and BJP-led NDA (2014–2025). From economy and defense to agriculture and education, each sector is evaluated using publicly available data and policy milestones.

Economy

Metric	Congress (2004–2014)	BJP (2014–2025)
GDP Growth (avg)	~7.7% (2004–2011), slowed to ~6.4% by 2014	~6.8% (2014–2023), pandemic dip, recovery post-2021
GDP Size	\$1.2T → \$2T	\$2T → \$4.19T
Per Capita Income	₹24,143 (2004) → ₹74,920 (2014)	₹74,920 → ₹1.72 lakh (2024 est.)
Inflation	Peaked at 11% (2013), food inflation high	Averaged ~4.5% post-2016, stable CPI



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Forex Reserves	\$113B (2004) → \$304B (2014)	\$304B → \$645B (2024)
FDI Inflows	\$30B/year avg (2014)	\$70B/year avg (2023), Make in India push
Exports	\$312B (2013–14)	\$776B (2022–23, goods + services)
Poverty Reduction	~270M lifted out of poverty (2005–2014)	~250M lifted (2014–2023), extreme poverty <5%
Unemployment Rate	~5.6% (2013)	~4.8% (2023 est.), pandemic spike in 2020
Fiscal Deficit	~5.7% of GDP (2014)	~5.8% (2023), pandemic stimulus impact
Tax Reforms	VAT rollout, limited direct tax reform	GST launched (2017), faceless IT assessment, digital compliance
Digital Economy	Limited penetration, 3G era	UPI, JAM trinity, ₹25 lakh crore DBT transfers

Sources: [The Wire](#), [IMPRI India](#), [IndiaTracker](#)



Poverty Reduction

Metric	Congress (2004–2014)	BJP (2014–2025)
Multidimensional	~29.17% (2013–14); slow	Down to 11.28% (2022–23);



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Poverty (%)	(2005–06)	~24.82 crore lifted from BPL
Annual Decline Rate	Slower (~7.69% 2005–2015)	Faster (~10.66% 2015–2021); extreme poverty near eradication in estimates
Rural-Urban Gap	Large deprivations in health/education/standards	Rural faster reduction (32.59% → 19.28%); all 12 MPI indicators improved
Largest State Escapes	N/A (no national MPI tracking)	UP (5.94 cr), Bihar (3.77 cr), MP (2.30 cr)
Key Drivers	MGNREGA, food security foundational but uneven	DBT/Aadhaar-linked (PM-KISAN, free grains, housing); SDG 1.2 met early
Global Recognition	Calorie-based debates	171 million lifted from extreme poverty (World Bank 2025); MPI steady improvement

Sources: [NITI Aayog MPI Reports](#), UNDP/OPHI Global MPI 2025, PIB/World Bank



Employment & Workforce

Metric	Congress (2004–2014)	BJP (2014–2025)
Job Creation Rate	~6% growth over 10 years	~36% growth over 10 years
Total Jobs Created	~2.7 crore (est.)	~19.2 crore salaried + 8.6 crore

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Unemployment Rate	~5.6% (2013), youth unemployment rising	~4.8% (2023 est.), pandemic spike in 2020
EPFO Registrations	~3 crore	~10 crore (2014–2024), formalization surge
Gig & Platform Economy	Untracked, informal	e-Shram portal: 28 crore+ workers registered
Women Workforce Participation	~27% (2011 Census)	~24% (2024 est.), post-pandemic recovery ongoing
MSME Employment	~8 crore jobs, limited digital access	~11 crore jobs, Udyam portal, credit & skilling push
Skill Development	MSME training, scattered schemes	PM Kaushal Vikas Yojana, Skill India, NSQF framework
Labor Reforms	Multiple outdated laws, fragmented compliance	4 labor codes consolidated (2020), implementation pending
Entrepreneurship Schemes	Limited MSME support	Startup India, Mudra Yojana, Stand-Up India

Sources: [Economic Times](#), [Hindustan Times](#), [Organiser](#)



Defense & Military Modernization



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Defense Budget	₹58,000 crore (2004) → ₹2.03 lakh crore (2014)	₹2.03 lakh crore (2014) → ₹7.31 lakh crore (2025)
Military Spending (USD)	\$26B (2004) → \$46B (2014)	\$46B (2014) → \$83.6B (2023)
Army Strength	~1.2 million	~1.25 million, Agniveer scheme launched
Air Force Modernization	Delayed Rafale deal, MiG-21 phaseout began	Rafale inducted, Tejas Mk1A orders, S-400 systems
Navy Expansion	140+ ships, 1 aircraft carrier (INS Vikramaditya)	150+ ships, 2 carriers (INS Vikrant), nuclear subs
Defense Reforms	DRDO expansion, slow procurement	CDS post created, DAP 2020, Agnipath, Make in India
Indigenous Production	~30% self-reliance	~60% self-reliance, 470+ defense licenses issued
Strategic Strikes	None	Surgical Strike (2016), Balakot Airstrike (2019)
Defense Exports	₹1,153 crore (2014)	₹21,083 crore (2024), exports to 100+ countries including bulletproof vests, drones, radars
Defense Startups & Innovation	Limited private participation	iDEX platform launched, 140+ startup challenges, 210+ industries onboarded makeinindiadefence.gov.in



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Agriculture & Rural Economy

Metric	Congress (2004–2014)	BJP (2014–2025)
Agriculture GDP Growth	1.4% → 1.2% (2014)	1.2% → 2.1% (2024 est.)
Farm Subsidies	MSP expansion, loan waivers	PM-KISAN, eNAM, DBT reforms
Irrigation Coverage	~42% of net sown area	~52% of net sown area
Crop Insurance	NAIS (limited coverage)	PMFBY (2016), 6 crore+ farmers covered
Agri Exports	\$24B (2013–14)	\$53B (2022–23)
Digital Initiatives	Limited	AgriStack, Kisan Drone Yatra, eNAM
Major Reforms	Land acquisition bill (2013)	Farm Laws (2020, repealed), DBT, FPO push

Sources: [India's Agricultural Economy 2014–2024](#), [PIB Report](#)

Education & Skill Development



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Literacy Rate	64.8% (2001) → 74.04% (2011)	~77.5% (2023 est.)
Number of Schools	~13.5 lakh (2013–14)	~15 lakh (2023–24)
Universities	~700 (2014)	~1,113 (2023)
IITs	7 → 16	16 → 23
IIMs	6 → 13	13 → 20
Engineering Colleges	~3,345 (2014)	~3,500+ (2023)
Medical Colleges	~387 (2014)	~706 (2023)
Vocational Institutes (ITIs)	~11,000	~15,000+
Major Reforms	Right to Education Act (2009)	National Education Policy (NEP 2020), PM SHRI Schools
Digital Learning	Limited	DIKSHA, SWAYAM, PM eVidya, coding in schools
Skill Development	MSME training, scattered schemes	Ministry created (2014), PM Kaushal Vikas Yojana, NSQF

Sources: [EducationWorld](#), [EdTechReview](#)



Health & Healthcare



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Health Budget Allocation	₹33,278 crore (2013–14)	₹95,958 crore (2025–26)
Insurance Coverage	~15 crore under RSBY (limited)	~55 crore under Ayushman Bharat–PMJAY
Primary Health Centers (PHCs)	~25,000 (2014)	~30,000+ (2024)
Medical Colleges	~387 (2014)	~706 (2023)
Doctor-Patient Ratio	1:2000 (2014)	1:834 (2023 est.)
Digital Health	Limited	eSanjeevani (telemedicine), Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission
Major Schemes	NRHM, RSBY	PMJAY, PM-Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission
Out-of-Pocket Expenditure	~60% of total health spend	~47% (2023 est.)
Infant Mortality Rate	~40 per 1000 (2014)	~27 per 1000 (2023)
Life Expectancy	~66.4 years (2014)	~70.1 years (2023)

Sources: [TOI Blog](#), [Taylor & Francis](#), [PIB Report](#)



Infrastructure & Connectivity



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National Highways Length	~77,000 km	~1.46 lakh km (2024)
Highway Construction Rate	~12 km/day (2014)	~38 km/day (2023)
Railway Electrification	~21,000 km	~45,000 km (2024)
New Airports Built	~35	~74 (UDAN scheme)
Metro Rail Coverage	~200 km (Delhi, Kolkata)	~900+ km across 20+ cities
Rural Road Connectivity	PMGSY Phase I	PMGSY II & III, 2.5 lakh+ km built
Power Generation Capacity	~243 GW (2014)	~424 GW (2024)
Renewable Energy Share	~12%	~43% (2024)
Digital Infrastructure	Limited broadband, 3G rollout	4G expansion, BharatNet, 5G launch
Housing Initiatives	Rajiv Awas Yojana	PMAY: 4 crore+ houses sanctioned
Logistics & Integration	Fragmented	PM Gati Shakti, National Logistics Policy
Border Infrastructure	Minimal focus	Strategic roads, tunnels, BRO expansion

Sources: [PIB Infrastructure Report](#), [Swarajya](#), [Scroll.in](#)



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Judiciary & Judicial Reforms

Metric	Congress (2004–2014)	BJP (2014–2025)
Case Pendency	~3 crore cases pending across courts (2014)	~4.7 crore cases pending (2025), despite digitization
Judicial Infrastructure	~15,000 courtrooms, limited tech integration	~20,000+ courtrooms, ₹9,000 crore allocated for infra upgrade
Digitization & eCourts	Manual filing, limited online access	eCourts Phase II, virtual hearings, digital case tracking, AI pilot tools
Judicial Appointments	Collegium system, delays in High Court appointments	Collegium retained, NJAC struck down, appointment delays persist
Legal Reforms	Delayed Lokpal Bill, fragmented litigation policy	Criminal law overhaul (2023), Uniform Civil Code proposed, National Litigation Policy pending
Alternative Dispute Resolution	Lok Adalats, arbitration centers underutilized	Arbitration push, mediation bill passed (2023), fast-track tribunals expanded
Judicial Independence	Stable but slow reform pace	Concerns over executive influence, judicial transfers, and dissenting judgments
Public Legal Awareness	Limited outreach, legal aid underfunded	Tele-law services, Nyaya Bandhu app, legal literacy campaigns

Sources: [India Today](#), [Scroll.in](#), [IJRAR Judicial Reform Paper](#)



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👤 SCAMS & GOVERNANCE

Metric	Congress (2004–2014)	BJP (2014–2025)
Major Scams (Estimated Value)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✅ 2G Spectrum: ₹1.76 lakh crore (~\$40B) ✅ Coal Allocation: ₹1.86 lakh crore (~\$42B) ✅ Commonwealth Games: ₹70,000 crore (~\$15B) ✅ Satyam Fraud: ₹7,000 crore (~\$1.4B) ✅ AgustaWestland: ₹3,600 crore (~\$700M) ✅ Aircel-Maxis: ₹3,500 crore (~\$650M) ✅ ISRO-Devas: ₹1,500 crore (~\$300M) ✅ Adarsh Housing: ₹1,000 crore (~\$200M) ✅ Tatra Trucks: ₹750 crore (~\$140M) ✅ National Herald: ₹90 crore (~\$15M) <p>Total Estimated Value: ₹7.2 lakh crore (~\$86B)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⚠️ Electoral Bonds: ₹12,000+ crore (~\$1.5B) — *opacity concerns* ⚠️ PM CARES Fund: ₹11,000+ crore (~\$1.3B) — *transparency debated* ⚠️ Pegasus Spyware: No valuation — *alleged surveillance* ⚠️ Rafale Pricing: ₹59,000 crore (~\$8B) — *pricing dispute, no conviction* ⚠️ NSE Co-location: ₹50,000 crore (~\$6B) — *under SEBI probe* ⚠️ Ayodhya Land Deals: ₹18.5 crore (~\$2.2M) — *under scrutiny* <p>Total Alleged Value: ₹1.3 lakh crore (~\$19B)</p>
Governance Transparency	<p>RTI Act enacted (2005), but Lokpal Bill delayed for years. Manual file tracking, limited digital access.</p>	<p>Lokpal operationalized (2019), dashboards for schemes, e-Governance push, real-time public portals (e.g., PMGDISHA, MyGov).</p>
Ease of Doing Business Rank	<p>Rank ~134 in 2014. Regulatory bottlenecks, slow approvals,</p>	<p>Improved to Rank ~63 by 2025. Reforms in insolvency, taxation,</p>



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	hurdles.	and digital compliance contributed.
Corruption Perception Index (CPI)	Score: 38/100 (2014), Rank: 85/175. Public sector corruption and lack of enforcement cited.	Score: 40/100 (2023), Rank: 93/180. Slight improvement, but concerns remain over institutional independence.
Judicial Reforms	Case backlog crossed 3 crore. Lok Adalats and Fast Track Courts underfunded. No major digitization.	eCourts Phase II, virtual hearings, digital case tracking, and tribunal reforms. Backlog still high (~4.7 crore).
Public Grievance Redressal	Manual systems, limited reach. CPGRAMS launched but underutilized. No mobile integration.	CPGRAMS upgraded, UMANG app launched, MyGov platform for citizen feedback. Integration with ministries improved.
Whistleblower Protection	Act passed in 2014 but never notified. No institutional safeguards or anonymity protocols.	Amendments proposed but not passed. Implementation remains weak. RTI activists still vulnerable.

Sources: [Wikipedia: List of Scandals](#), [Arunachal Observer](#), [INC Sandesh](#), [Transparency International CPI](#), [PIB Governance Dashboard](#)



Terrorism & Internal Security

Metric	Congress (2004–2014)	BJP (2014–2025)



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Major Terror Attacks	26/11 Mumbai (2008), Delhi blasts (2005), Ahmedabad (2008), Pune (2010), Hyderabad (2013), Parliament attack aftermath, serial bombings in Varanasi, Jaipur, Bangalore, and more	Pathankot (2016), Pulwama (2019), Udampur (2022), targeted killings in J&K (2021–22), but overall decline in frequency and scale
J&K Security Situation	Frequent stone-pelting, separatist rallies, AFSPA controversies, and limited flag visibility in Lal Chowk	Article 370 abrogated (2019), Tiranga lighting at Lal Chowk, record tourist footfall, reduced militancy, and increased local recruitment in forces
Naxal-Affected Districts	~126 districts under influence (2010 peak), frequent ambushes and CRPF casualties	Reduced to ~45 districts (2023), major camps dismantled, surrender schemes expanded, infrastructure push in Red Corridor
Counterterrorism Strategy	Reactive policing, limited coordination, slow intelligence sharing, and outdated tech	Multi-agency grid, NATGRID, NIA expansion, drone surveillance, and real-time data fusion centers
Border Security	Manual fencing, porous borders, limited UAV use, and infiltration spikes	Smart fencing (CIBMS), drone patrols, tunnel detection tech, and integrated border management
Police Modernization	₹1,500 crore allocation (2014), slow adoption of forensic and cyber tools	₹10,000+ crore allocated (2023), cyber labs, facial recognition, and predictive policing pilots

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Public Safety & Civic Trust	Low trust in police, communal flare-ups, and delayed justice in terror cases	Improved response time, civic engagement platforms, and increased youth participation in security forces
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Sources: [Organiser](#), [TOI Blog](#), [JSTOR: Internal Security Threats](#)

Space & Research Innovation

Metric	Congress (2004–2014)	BJP (2014–2025)
ISRO Milestones	Chandrayaan-1 (2008), Mangalyaan Mars Orbiter (2013), 100+ launches, PSLV workhorse, Antrix commercial arm	Chandrayaan-2 (2019), Chandrayaan-3 (2023 moon landing), Aditya-L1 (2023), Gaganyaan prep, SSLV, record 104 satellites in one launch
DRDO Achievements	BrahMos development, Agni missile upgrades, Tejas prototype, limited exports	Agni-V operational, Pinaka, Akash-NG, Astra, anti-satellite test (2019), export deals with 85+ countries
Space Budget	~₹5,000 crore (2014)	~₹13,000 crore (2024)
Private Sector Participation	Restricted to vendors	IN-SPACe created, Skyroot, Agnikul, Pixxel, Dhruva Space launched missions
Patent Filings	~42,000/year (2014)	~85,000/year (2023), India ranks 7th globally



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Global Collaborations	NASA, ESA, Roscosmos	NASA, JAXA, UAE, Australia, Artemis Accords signed (2023)
STEM & Innovation Push	INSPIRE, DST grants, IIT incubation	Atal Innovation Mission, Tinkering Labs, Startup India, National Quantum Mission (2023)
AI & Emerging Tech	Limited national strategy	AI Mission announced, 3 AI centers of excellence, semiconductor push, drone corridors

Sources: [IndiaTracker](#), [This vs That](#), [ISRO](#), [DRDO](#)

Geopolitics & Foreign Policy

Metric	Congress (2004–2014)	BJP (2014–2025)
Global Posture	Strategic autonomy, non-alignment, cautious diplomacy. Focused on SAARC, BRICS, and bilateral ties.	Assertive diplomacy, multi-alignment. Active in Quad, I2U2, G20 leadership, and Global South advocacy.
US Relations	Civil nuclear deal (2008), growing defense ties, but limited strategic convergence.	Major Defense Partner status, 2+2 dialogues, BECA/COMCASA signed, joint exercises expanded.
China Strategy	Trade-focused, border tensions unresolved. 2005 Peace Agreement, but limited deterrence.	Galwan clash (2020), border infrastructure push, economic decoupling, FDI scrutiny, as diplomacy.



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Pakistan Engagement	Composite dialogue, backchannel talks, 26/11 fallout, limited deterrence.	Surgical Strikes (2016), Balakot Airstrike (2019), FATF pressure, diplomatic isolation strategy.
Middle East Relations	Energy-centric ties with UAE, Iran, and Saudi Arabia. Limited diaspora diplomacy.	Strategic partnerships with UAE, Saudi, Israel. I2U2 bloc formed. Diaspora leveraged for soft power.
Russia Relations	Defense dependency, BRICS alignment, energy deals. Stable but stagnant.	S-400 deal, oil imports surge post-Ukraine war, balancing act amid US-China tensions.
Africa & Global South	Limited outreach, trade missions, and development aid.	India-Africa Forum Summit, vaccine diplomacy, solar alliances, G20 voice for Global South.
Multilateral Leadership	BRICS, SAARC, WTO negotiations. No major global leadership roles.	G20 Presidency (2023), UN reforms advocacy, climate diplomacy, Global Biofuel Alliance.
Diaspora Engagement	Pravasi Bharatiya Divas, limited strategic use of diaspora.	Howdy Modi, Madison Square Garden, OCI reforms, diaspora as soft power tool.
Quad Engagement	Informal talks (2007–08), paused shortly after.	Revived 2017; elevated to ministerial summits (2019+), leaders' level (2021+), expansions to Quad+.
Vaccine Diplomacy	Limited global role in health diplomacy.	Vaccine Maitri: Over 30 crore doses supplied/gifted to 99+ countries (2021–22 peak); major COVAX contributor.



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Neighborhood & Border Infra	Incremental ties; limited assertive infrastructure development.	Neighborhood First, Act East upgrade; Article 370 abrogation (2019), massive LAC roads/bridges surge.
Key Multilateral Wins	Indo-US nuclear deal (2008) as landmark achievement.	Chabahar port operations, I2U2 grouping, International Solar Alliance (120+ members), IMEC corridor launch (2023).
Humanitarian & First-Responder Role	Basic aid and disaster response.	Aid to 150+ countries in crises; expanded first-responder role (medical teams, relief during pandemics/disasters).

Sources: [IIRCJ Foreign Policy Analysis](#), [This vs That](#), [JSTOR: BJP & Foreign Policy](#), MEA reports, [PIB \(G20/Vaccine Maitri\)](#), ORF analyses



Banking & Financial Sector

Metric	Congress (2004–2014)	BJP (2014–2025)
Gross NPA Ratio (SCBs)	~2.4–4.1% average; rising due to infra stress and global crisis aftermath	Peaked 11.18–11.46% (2018 post-AQR), then historic low 2.15% (Sep 2025)
Gross NPAs (₹ lakh crore)	~₹2.5 lakh crore by 2014; buildup from delayed recognition	Peaked ~₹9.6 lakh crore (2018); dropped to ~₹2.7–4.2 lakh crore (2025)



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Net NPA Ratio	~1–2%; often inadequate provisioning	Peaked ~5–6%; now 0.47–0.52% (2025) – multi-decade low
IBC Recoveries	N/A (pre-IBC framework)	~₹3+ lakh crore cumulative recoveries (till 2025)
PSB Mergers	Limited consolidation	27 PSBs merged into 12 major banks (2017–2020) for scale/efficiency
Bank Profitability	Lower due to rising stress	Record highs post-cleanup; RoA ~1.3%; strong credit growth
Key Reforms	Asset quality deteriorating by late UPA	4R strategy (Recognition, Resolution, Recapitalisation, Reforms); AQR 2015 transparency

Sources: [PIB \(Feb 2026\) – Gross NPAs 2.15%](#), RBI Annual Reports/Trend & Progress of Banking, Economic Surveys

Environment, Climate & Renewables

Metric	Congress (2004–2014)	BJP (2014–2025)
Total RE Capacity (excl. large hydro, GW)	~31–35 GW (2013–14); wind dominant ~21 GW	253.96 GW (Nov 2025); record 44.5 GW added in 2025
Solar Capacity (GW)	~2.8 GW; early JNNISM foundations	~130–141 GW (2025); ~50x growth



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Non-Fossil Share of Installed Capacity	~30% (incl. hydro/nuclear)	50–52% achieved (June 2025), 5 years ahead of 2030 target
Annual RE Additions	~3–5 GW/yr	22–44 GW/yr peaks (2025 records)
Air Pollution Monitoring & Policy	PM2.5 as criteria pollutant (2009); limited stations, ad-hoc measures	NCAP (2019): 130+ cities, 20–40% PM reduction targets; GRAP strengthened
Delhi Annual Avg. PM2.5 ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$)	~100–150+ in early 2010s peaks	Lowest in 2018–2025 period (97 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ in 2025, barring COVID); more 'Good/Satisfactory' days
Stubble Burning & Sector Measures	Uncontrolled; limited alternatives	₹4,000+ cr subsidies for machinery; pellet plants; CAQM coordination
Key Initiatives	Early climate commitments	PM-KUSUM, rooftop solar, BS-VI norms, stricter emission standards

Sources: [MNRE Physical Progress \(Jan 2026\)](#), [PIB \(Jan 2026\) – Lowest PM levels](#), CPCB/CAQM reports



Digital India & Technology Adoption

Metric	Congress (2004–2014)	BJP (2014–2025)
Internet Connections	~25.15 crore (Mar 2014); low penetration	~96.96 crore (2024); crossed 9 crore active users (2025)



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Broadband Connections	~6.1 crore; high data costs	~100.74 crore (Dec 2025); surpassed 100 crore milestone
UPI Transactions	No unified platform; cash dominant	1,867.7 crore in Apr 2025 (₹24.77 lakh crore); ~49% global real-time
Aadhaar Coverage	~60–70 crore enrolments; limited linkage	~142 crore IDs (2025); near-universal, DBT savings ₹44 lakh crore+
5G Rollout	N/A	Launched 2022; 4.74 lakh towers (2025), 99.6% districts covered
Rural Connectivity	Weak; limited online services	BharatNet 2.18+ lakh Gram Panchayats; rural tele-density surge
Digital Economy Contribution	Limited	~11.74% of GDP (2022–23); projected ~13.42% (2024–25)

Sources: [PIB/TRAI \(Dec 2025\) – 1B+ Broadband](#), NPCI, IAMAI reports



Women Empowerment & Gender Metrics

Metric	Congress (2004–2014)	BJP (2014–2025)
Female LFPR (15+ years)	Low/declining: rural ~24–33%, urban ~20–23%	Rising: ~35.1–35.3% (Dec 2026); rural surge to 40.1%



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Female Literacy	~65–71%; significant gender gap	~71.5–77.7% (NFHS-5+); gap narrowing
Sex Ratio at Birth	Low (~918–927 per 1,000 males)	Improved ~929–930+ (NFHS-5+); BBBP impact
Triple Talaq Law	No major legislation	Criminalized (2019); protection for Muslim women
Crimes Against Women	Rising reporting; limited fast-track courts	Nirbhaya Fund extension; SHe-Box, fast-track courts
Key Schemes	Nirbhaya Fund started (2013); slow rollout	PM Matru Vandana, maternity benefits, NRLM SHGs scaled
Panchayat Reservation	~33–50% in some states	50%+ in many states; economic participation push

Sources: PLFS (MoSPI/PIB 2025–2026), NFHS-5, NCRB, Global Gender Gap Report



Landmark Achievements (2004–2025)

Era	Major Achievements
Congress (2004–2014)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RTI Act enacted (2005) • National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (NREGA, 2005) • Right to Education Act (2009) • India–US Civil Nuclear Agreement (2008) • UID Aadhaar rollout begins (2009) • Chandrayaan-1 Moon Mission (2008)



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food Security Act (2013) • Expansion of IITs, IIMs, and AIIMS • Land Acquisition Bill (2013)
BJP (2014–2025)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abrogation of Article 370 (2019) • Ram Mandir construction begins (2020), inaugurated (2024) • Triple Talaq criminalized (2019) • De-monetization (2016) • GST rollout (2017) • UPI & Digital Payments revolution • Ayushman Bharat health insurance (2018) • PM Awas Yojana: 4 crore+ houses sanctioned • G20 Presidency (2023) • Chandrayaan-3 Moon landing (2023) • Aditya-L1 Solar Mission (2023) • Criminal law overhaul (2023) • Surgical Strike (2016) & Balakot Airstrike (2019) • Ban on PFI and other terror-linked outfits • Reduction in Naxal-affected districts: from 126 (2010 peak) to ~45 (2023) • India becomes 4th largest economy surpassing Japan (2025) • GDP grows from \$2T (2014) to \$4.19T (2025)

Sources: [India Today](#), [PIB Archives](#), [Firstpost](#)

