

Newsletter

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The New Cabinet

- Cabinet expansion was held on 7th July 2021 first time after May 2019. A total of 43 members of parliament took oath.
- Also, In a historic move, a separate 'Ministry of Co-operation' has been created by the Central Government for realizing the vision of 'Sahkar se Samridhhi'. This ministry will provide a separate administrative, legal and policy framework for strengthening the cooperative movement in the country. It will work to streamline processes for 'Ease of doing business' for co-operatives and enable development of Multi-State Co-operatives (MSCS).

MINISTRY	MINISTER
Prime Minister	Shri Narendra Modi
Personnel, Public Grievances and Pension	Shri Narendra Modi Dr. Jitendra Singh (MoS)
Department of Atomic Energy	Shri Narendra Modi Dr. Jitendra Singh (MoS)
Department of Space;	Shri Narendra Modi Dr. Jitendra Singh (MoS)
All important policy issues	Shri Narendra Modi
Defense	Shri Raj Nath Singh Shri Ajay Bhatt (MoS)
Home Affairs	Shri Amit Shah Shri Nityanand Rai (MoS) Shri Nisith Pramanik (MoS) Shri Ajay Kumar (MoS)
Cooperation	Shri Amit Shah Shri B. L. Verma (MoS)
Road Transport and Highways	Shri Nitin Jairam Gadkari General (Retd.) V. K. Singh (MoS)
Finance	Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman Shri Pankaj Chaowdhary (MoS) Dr. Bhagwat Kishanrao Karad (MoS)
Corporate Affairs	Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman Shri Rao Inderjit Singh (MoS)
Agriculture and Farmers Welfare	Shri Narendra Singh Tomar Sushri Shobha Karandlaje (MoS) Shri Kailash Choudhary (MoS)

MINISTRY	MINISTER
External Affairs	Dr. Subrahmanyam Jaishankar Shri V. Muraleedharan (MoS) Smt. Meenakashi Lekhi (MoS) Dr. Rajkumar Ranjan Singh (MoS)
Women and Child Development	Smt. Smriti Zubin Irani Dr. Munjapara Mahendrabhai (MoS)
Commerce and Industry	Shri Piyush Goyal Smt. Anupriya Singh Patel (MoS) Shri Som Parkash (MoS)
Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution	Shri Piyush Goyal Shri Ashwini Kumar Choubey (MoS) Sadhvi Niranjana Jyoti (MoS)
Textiles	Shri Piyush Goyal Smt. Darshana Vikram Jardosh (MoS)
Education	Shri Dharmendra Pradhan Smt. Annpurna Devi (MoS) Dr. Subhas Sarkar (MoS) Dr. Rajkumar Ranjan Singh (MoS)
Skill Development and Entrepreneurship	Shri Dharmendra Pradhan Shri Rajeev Chandrasekhar (MoS)
Parliamentary Affairs	Shri Pralhad Joshi Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal (MoS) Shri V. Muraleedharan (MoS)
Mines	Shri Pralhad Joshi Shri Danve Raosaheb Dadarao (MoS)
Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises	Shri Narayan Tatu Rane Shri Bhanu Pratap Singh Verma (MoS)
Ports, Shipping and Waterways	Shri Sarbananda Sonowal Shri Shripad Yesso Naik (MoS) Shri Shantanu Thakur (MoS)
AYUSH	Shri Sarbananda Sonowal Dr. Munjapara Mahendrabhai (MoS)
Minority Affairs	Shri Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi Shri John Barla (MoS)

MINISTRY	MINISTER
Social Justice and Empowerment	Dr. Virendra Kumar Shri Ramdas Athawale (MoS) Shri A. Narayanaswamy (MoS) Sushri Pratima Bhounik (MoS)
Rural Development	Shri Giriraj Singh Shri Faggansingh Kulaste (MoS) Sadhvi Niranjan Jyoti (MoS)
Panchayati Raj	Shri Giriraj Singh Shri Kapil Moreshwar Patil (MoS)
Civil Aviation	Shri Jyotiraditya M. Scindia General (Retd.) V. K. Singh (MoS)
Railways	Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw Shri Danve Raosaheb Dadarao (MoS) Smt. Darshana Vikram Jardosh (MoS)
Communications	Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw Shri Devusinh Chauhan (MoS)
Electronics and Information Technology	Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw Shri Rajeev Chandrasekhar (MoS)
Food Processing Industries	Shri Pashu Pati Kumar Paras Shri Prahalad Singh Patel (MoS)
Jal Shakti	Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat Shri Prahalad Singh Patel (MoS) Shri Bishweswar Tudu (MoS)
Law and Justice	Shri Kiren Rijju Prof. S. P. Singh Baghel (MoS)
Power	Shri Raj Kumar Singh Shri Krishan Pal (MoS)
New and Renewable Energy	Shri Raj Kumar Singh Shri Bhagwanth Khuba (MoS)
Petroleum and Natural Gas	Shri Hardeep Singh Puri Shri Rameswar Teli (MoS)
Housing and Urban Affairs	Shri Hardeep Singh Puri Shri Kaushal Kishore (MoS)
Health and Family Welfare	Shri Mansukh Mandaviya Dr. Bharati Pravin Pawar (MoS)

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Chemicals and Fertilizers	Shri Mansukh Mandaviya Shri Bhagwanth Khuba (MoS)
Environment, Forest and Climate Change	Shri Bhupender Yadav Shri Ashwini Kumar Choubey (MoS)
Labour and Employment	Shri Bhupender Yadav Shri Rameswar Teli (MoS)
Heavy Industries	Dr. Mahendra Nath Pandey Shri Krishan Pal (MoS)
Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying	Shri Parshottam Rupala Dr. Sanjeev Kumar Balyan (MoS) Dr. L. Murugan (MoS)
Culture	Shri G. Kishan Reddy Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal (MoS) Smt. Meenakashi Lekhi (MoS)
Tourism	Shri G. Kishan Reddy Shri Shripad Yesso Naik (MoS) Shri Ajay Bhatt (MoS)
Development of North Eastern Region	Shri G. Kishan Reddy Shri B. L. Verma (MoS)
Information and Broadcasting	Shri Anurag Singh Thakur Dr. L. Murugan (MoS)
Youth Affairs and Sports	Shri Anurag Singh Thakur Shri Nisith Pramanik (MoS)
Coal	Shri Pralhad Joshi Shri Danve Raosaheb Dadarao (MoS)
Steel	Shri Ramchandra Prasad Singh Shri Faggansingh Kulaste (MoS)
Tribal affairs	Shri Arjun Munda Smt. Renuka Singh Saruta (MoS) Shri Bishweswar Tudu (MoS)
State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Statistics and Program Implementation	Shri Rao Inderjit Singh
State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Planning	Shri Rao Inderjit Singh

MINISTRY	MINISTER
State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Science and Technology	Dr. Jitendra Singh
State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Earth Sciences	Dr. Jitendra Singh

Soon after the formation of the new cabinet some major policy decisions were taken by the government-

Cabinet approves "India COVID 19 Emergency Response and Health Systems Preparedness Package: Phase II" at a cost of Rs 23,123 crore

"India COVID-19 Emergency Response and Health Systems Preparedness Project: Phase-II" would be implemented at a total cost of ₹ 23,123 Crore, from 01" July 2021 to 31" March 2022.

With the focus on immediate needs for the next nine months of FY 21-22, to provide support to Central government hospitals / agencies and to State/UT Governments to augment their existing response to the second wave and the evolving pandemic, including at district and sub district levels in peripheral facilities.

KVIC Secures Trademark Registrations in Bhutan, UAE & Mexico; Files Applications in 40 Countries to Protect Brand "Khadi"

Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) has recently secured trademark registrations in three countries – Bhutan, UAE and Mexico – a big stride towards protecting the identity of brand "Khadi" globally. Apart from these countries, KVIC's trademark applications are pending in 40 countries across the world that include the USA, Qatar, Sri Lanka, Japan, Italy, Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, Brazil and others.

15.30 LMT free food grains lifted by 31 States/UTs for distribution under Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana – IV

The Government of India is running the longest ever exercise of distributing free food grains to the people during COVID-19 pandemic time to ensure food security. Under PMGKAY-IV (July-November 2021), lifting has been started by 31 States and 15.30 LMT food grains have been lifted upto 12th July, 2021.

Finance Minister Smt Nirmala Sitharaman and Finance Minister of Bhutan Mr Lyonpo Namgay Tshering jointly launch BHIM–UPI in Bhutan

Union Minister of Finance & Corporate Affairs Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman, along with her counterpart, the Hon'ble Finance Minister of Bhutan, Mr Lyonpo Namgay Tshering, jointly launched BHIM–UPI in Bhutan in a virtual ceremony. While speaking on the occasion, Smt. Sitharaman said that the services have started in Bhutan under India's neighbourhood first policy and India is proud of our achievement and feel pleasure in sharing it with our valued neighbour.

PM chairs high level meeting to review ramping up of oxygen supply across the Country

- More than 1500 PSA Oxygen plants are coming up across the nation.
- PSA Oxygen plants contributed by PM CARES would support more than 4 lakh oxygenated beds.
- PM instructs officials to ensure that the plants are made functional at the earliest and to deploy advanced technology to track performance and functioning of oxygen plants.

Cabinet approves continuation of centrally sponsored scheme National AYUSH Mission, 14 JUL 2021

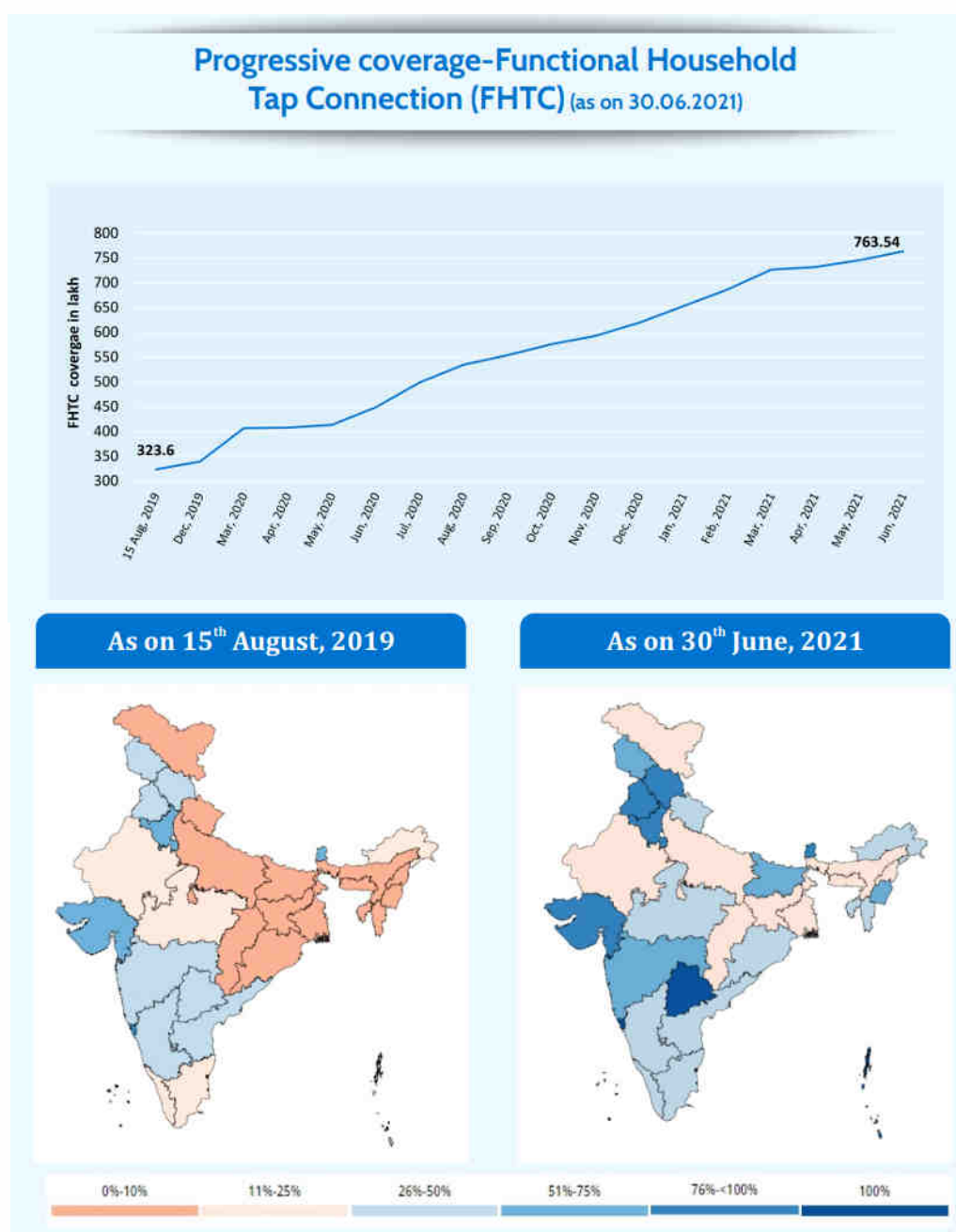
- The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved the continuation of National AYUSH Mission (NAM) as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme from 01-04-2021 to 31-03-2026 with financial implication of Rs. 4607.30 crore. The Mission was launched on 15-09-2014.

The fundamental objective of the National Ayush Mission is to promote the AYUSH systems of medicine through cost-effective services, boosting its educational systems, quality control of AYUSH drugs and ensuring the sustainable availability of AYUSH raw materials.

Jal Jeevan mission -Progress at a glance

To translate Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's vision of providing clean tap water to every household, Union Ministry, Jal Shakti, headed by Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat has been working tirelessly. Jal Jeevan Mission, is envisioned to provide safe and adequate drinking water through individual household tap connections by 2024 to all households in rural India.

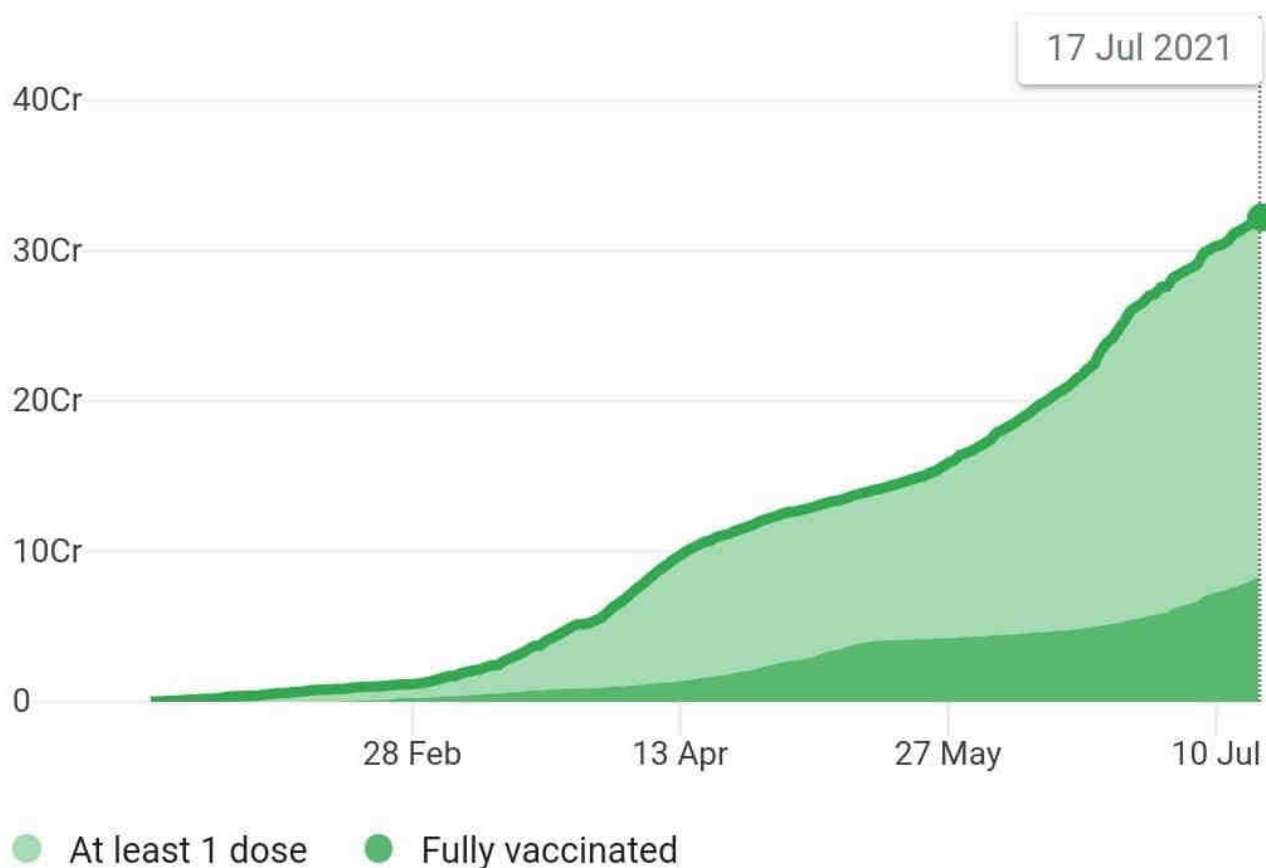
- At the start of the Mission in 2019, out of a total of 19.20 Crore rural households in the country, only 3.23 Crore (17%) had tap water supply. During the last 22 months, despite Covid-19 pandemic and lockdown disruptions, Jal Jeevan Mission, has been implemented with speed and 4.42 Crore households have been provided with piped connections.
- With the increase in coverage by 23.36%, presently 7.66 Crore (40.5%) rural households across the country have tap water supply.
- Goa, Telangana, Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Puducherry have achieved 100% household connection in rural areas and has become 'Har Ghar Jal'.



Covid 19 Vaccination and Covid Statistics

June-July 2021

	New Cases	Deceased	Recovered	Active Cases
Jun 28-Jul 4	3,44,603	8,596	4,65,532	5,68,110
Jul 5-Jul 11	2,89,003	6,34	3,14,210	4,45,665
Jul 12-Jul 15	1,51,962	3,771	1,69,100	4,24,692



Nationwide Coverage of COVID-19 Vaccination till 17 July: **39,96,95,879**

•Stats as per MoHFW



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