

Athma Nirbhar Bharat: A New Self Resilient India

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Abstract

In India, we can see digital divide, economic divide, cultural divide, societal divide, lifestyle divide, demographic divide, political divide, legal divide, geographical divide, etc. Though it has been a seven decades we got independence still India is developing country and Indians are underdeveloped. Is it Lord Brahma written the fate of India? Or Political class, business Class, bureaucrats have written? Even after all foreign invaders had left India, still the life of Indian is not developed to the fullest potential. The richer is getting richer and poorer is getting poorer and middle class is under middle class itself. Why it is like this? What made India still is not developed? Is it the policy decisions of governments since independence have gone wrong? Or Greediness of politicians have made Indians to suffer like this? To whom we have to blame or is it the innocence of people is leverage for rich class? Questions are plenty but at the same time we also have answers. How effective these answers are we have to introspect? Will the athmanirbhar bharath will solve these questions with right answers. Let us explore the policies, measures and incentives under this nava bharath nirman scheme called athmanirbhar bharath.

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1. Introduction

India is a country of diversity with various problems and numerous solutions. Yes. You heard it right. We have so many problems and at the same time we have plenty of solutions to problems of faced at global level. We are the solution providers to various problems faced by countries in

the world may it be health, education and technology. However, India is facing the acute problems such as poverty, unemployment, illiteracy, exploitation, malnutrition, caste, religious dogmas, corruption, pollution, etc. lists go on. One can see two India's in India. One India is the country of rich people where Indians are listed in top 10 richest men in the world, one can find

luxury buildings housing highly rich people spending lavish lifestyle, Excellent roads surrounded by lavish gardens, Super specialty hospitals, Private jets and airplanes, Mega malls, Super market, Hyper market, Silicon valleys, Posh vehicles on roads. List goes on it is really hearing to see a person day long works for just to earn three times bread to fill his stomach, whereas at the same time a person eating in a gold plate with silver spoon choice of his food at AC room with good serenity around him, It is very rare to see a person walks barefoot at the same time other side a person walking with luxury slipper costing more than lakhs rupees. Indian Middle class always sheds there sweat and tears to have one comfortable house throughout their life where as dirty politicians and business class and cinema stars possess a palacious buildings to stay and the poor class staying at slums and some others are living on the streets. A rural peasant sends his ward to school with torn clothes paying fees with his debt money whereas a rich guy sends his ward to prestigious school by paying lakhs of rupees. Due to all these, the ATHMANIRBHAR BHARATH is a Novel scheme proposed by Prime Minister Naredra Modi Government to elevate India from development to developed. The schemes are framed in such way that every Indian will see a new ray of hope in this amid of Covid-19 Pandemic. Every single Indian should not go hungry, should not go jobless, should not go incomeless is the heart of this scheme. Of course, this is a mammoth task but is ardent necessity today. The vision of this scheme is to make self-sufficient, self-resilient, self-empowered India. But we should not think swadeshi Movement. In this that it is another 21-century dependence cannot be completely wiped out but to the extent we reduce to minimum dependency.

2. Objectives of Atma Nirbar Bharath Abiyan:

The Atma Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyan which was announced by the Honorable Prime Minister Narendra Modi of our nation during this Pandemic Period has two important objectives they are

- **Provide liquidity infusion and direct cash transfer to the economy:**

As we know that due to corona pandemic there was a great damage to the Indian Economy. This pandemic situation has a worst impact on the all sectors of the economy. To bring back the economic stability of the nation and to infuse the liquidity into the economy, this Atma Nirbhar Bharath Abhiyaan will introduced by the Prime minister of our nation.

- **To make various sectors of our economy to become globally competitive and attractive:**

Due to corona pandemic no sector is in a position to do the business in a global competitive edge. All sectors of our economy are badly affected. To make all the sectors globally competitive and attractive there is some kind of assistance or helping hand needed for the various sector. Atma Nirbar Bharath Abiyan provide road map for all the sectors to become globally competitive.

- **Schemes of Athma Nirbhar Bharath**

India has faced the COVID-19 situation with fortitude and a spirit of self-reliance, that is, evident in the fact that from zero production of Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) before March 2020, India today has created a capacity of producing 2 lakh PPE kits daily, which is also growing steadily.

Additionally, India has demonstrated how it rises up to challenges and uncovers opportunities therein, as manifested in the re-purposing of various automobile sector industries to collaborate in the making of life-saving ventilators. The clarion call given by the Hon'ble PM to use these trying times to become Atmanirbhar (self-reliant) has been very well received to enable the resurgence of the Indian economy. Unlock 1 Guidelines have been issued to enable resumption of economic activities while maintaining abundant caution thus allowing graded easing of restrictions.

The five pillars of Atmanirbhar Bharat focus on:

- Economy
- Infrastructure
- System
- Vibrant Demography and
- Demand

The five phases of Atmanirbhar Bharat are the following:

- Phase-I: Businesses including MSMEs
- Phase-II: Poor, including migrants and farmers
- Phase-III: Agriculture
- Phase-IV: New Horizons of Growth
- Phase-V: Government Reforms and Enablers

(Building Atmanirbhar Bharat & Overcoming COVID-19 | National Portal of India, n.d.)

- Rs. 1.70 Lakh Crore relief package under Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana (PMGKY) for the poor to help them fight the battle against Coronavirus:
- Insurance cover of Rs 50 Lakh per health worker

- 80 crore poor people given benefit of 5 kg wheat or rice per person for next 3 months
- 1 kg pulses for each household for free every month for the next 3 months
- 20 crore women Jan Dhan account holders get Rs 500 per month for next 3 months
- Gas cylinders, free of cost, provided to 8 crore poor families for the next 3 months
- Increase in MNREGA wage to Rs 202 a day from Rs 182 to benefit 13.62 crore families
- Ex-gratia of Rs 1,000 to 3 crore poor senior citizen, poor widows and poor Divyang
- Front-loaded Rs 2,000 paid to farmers under existing PM-KISAN to benefit 8.7 crore farmers
- 24% of monthly wages to be credited into PF accounts of Building and Construction Workers for next three months for wage-earners below Rs 15,000 p.m. in businesses having less than 100 workers
- Five crore workers registered under Employee Provident Fund (EPF) to get non-refundable advance of 75% of the amount or three months of the wages, whichever is lower.
- Limit of collateral free lending to be increased from Rs 10 to Rs 20 lakhs for Women Self Help Groups supporting 6.85 crore households.
- District Mineral Fund (DMF) to be used for supplementing and augmenting facilities of medical testing, screening etc. ((UPDATED) **Atmanirbhar Bharat – 20 Lakh Crore Stimulus Package – Manifest IAS, n.d.**) (Table 1)

Analysis of Schemes of ATHMANIRBHAR BHARATH and its impact on Indian economy. **Increase in**

TABLE 1. Break-up of stimulus from Aatma Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyaan package

Item	Amount (in Rs crore)
PMGKP	1,92,800
Economic Backbone	5,94,550
Migrants and Farmers	3,10,000
Agriculture	1,50,000
MGNREGS	48,100
Sub Total	1,295,400
RBI Measures (Actual)	8,01,603
Grand Total	20,97,053

Source: Presentation made by Union Finance & Corporate Affairs Minister Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman under Aatmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyaan to support Indian economy in fight against COVID-19, Ministry of Finance, May 13, 2020, PRS

borrowing limits: The borrowing limits of state governments will be increased from 3% to 5% of Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) for the year 2020–21. This is estimated to give states extra resources of Rs 4.28 lakh crore. There will be unconditional increase of up to 3.5% of GSDP followed by 0.25% increase linked to reforms on – universalization of ‘One Nation One Ration card’, Ease of Doing Business, power distribution and Urban Local Body revenues.

Agriculture is the backbone of India but today farmers are under distress to elevate the farmers from poverty line to a good stimulus package is being provided in the scheme definitely it will boost farmers spirit to engage in cultivation and take out them from the pit of poverty.

MSME sector: This is the one sector where largest population is dependent for employment and livelihood. Under the scheme very good package is being given. Absolutely, this will bring out MSME sector from distress. The stimulus package is increasing the capital infusion to industry in turn the wheels of industry starts churning. India is a hub for MSME, and it is the largest sector which feeding the largest

population. The increase in borrowing limits of state governments definitely increases the empowerment of states where states will get extra fund to spend on people welfare. After the implementation of GST some states were under loss, but this package will boost the income of states.

Privatization of public entities: This will definitely reduce unnecessary public spending on the nonperforming public entities which in turn enhances the performance and allow government to focus on welfare schemes of people. Having presence only in strategic sector is sufficient to churn the growth of economy.

Schemes for upliftment of poor: Loans up to 10,000 to Street vendors and which will benefit to the poorer sections in order to live with dignity is a well-articulated financial inclusion to take nation towards development.

Statutory PF contribution: Statutory PF contribution of both the employer and employee will be reduced from 12% to 10% each for all establishments covered by EPFO for next three months. This scheme will apply to workers who are not eligible for the 24% EPF support under PM Garib Kalyan Package and its extension this will increase the savings among employees and also increases the disposable income among the working section which boost the spending which in turn leads to curb the inflation and capital formation.

Insolvency resolution: A special insolvency resolution framework for MSMEs under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016 will be notified.

Disallowing global tenders: To protect Indian MSMEs from competition from foreign companies, global tenders of up to Rs 200 crore will not be allowed in government procurement tenders. These schemes

will definitely uplift the MSME which are already debt ridden.

Inputs to agriculture: Under the scheme, inputs given to agriculture is would mitigate the problems and perils faced by farmer's total amount earmarked to farming section whopping 150,000 Crore is definitely elevating agriculture sector in forward sector. This corona pandemic had realized human being agriculture is the only sector which saves human race at distress. The earmarked amount shall be spent on irrigation; Agricultural inputs will give immense boost to resume activity at full throat level.

MGNREGS: One of the important schemes which give 365 days' employment to rural India, 48,000 crores are big chunk earmarked to this scheme. Employment of rural India will give impetus to demand creation in turn wheels of rural economy resume to operate at the fullest possible level.

Migrant farmers: This covid-19 pandemic has created new peril that is migration of labor work force. The problem erupts in this case is basic necessities to these migrated work force and employment. The amount planned for this scheme is very much essential to eradicate the perils of migrated labor work force.

3. Conclusion

The entire 20 lakh crore is earmarked for the development of the Indian economy is

one of the greatest measures to uplift the India and Indians. This is a ray of hope we have in this amid of Covid-19. The scheme is covered the entire strata of the economy; every sector would get benefit from this scheme. Every Indian would be benefited from this scheme which will increase the standard of living of the common man.

The Athma Nirbhar Bharath scheme is the only novel scheme which takes India towards development. All the sections of society will be empowered to lead the life in a dignified way. If the scheme is successfully implemented than this will be the role model for entire world. A new Vibrant India will be achieved in coming years. All kinds of divides can be solved by this scheme. Let us come together and Join hands together with this scheme to create NAVA BHARATH:

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