

India rising as trusted global hub for chip manufacturing: Modi

Backed by billions of dollars in incentives, New Delhi is courting global manufacturers and leveraging its engineering talent, vast consumer market and strategic position as it seeks to build a full-stack industry spanning chip design, fabrication, packaging and testing.

On Thursday, Applied Materials announced USD 5 billion in investments under Vision 2035 to integrate India's semiconductor ecosystem into the global value chain.

The PM expressed particular gratitude to the international attendees who had traveled to India to partake in the fifth edition of the summit. "I extend a special welcome to the guests who have come to India from abroad," he said.

He said the event's inauguration on Vishwakarma Diwas represented a significant convergence of India's traditional culture of creation and craftsmanship with 21st-century technology and innovation.

He described this combination as an inspiration for a self-reliant India and the vision of Viksit Bharat.

Referring to developments over the preceding 15 days, the prime minister highlighted several milestones, including discussions on inclusive finance at the Global Fintech Fest, the operationalisation of a 3,000-km Dedicated Freight Corridor and quarterly GDP growth of 7.8 per cent. He also referred to a recent sovereign rating upgrade by a Japanese credit rating agency, saying the developments reflected both India's economic growth and rising international confidence in the country.

PM Modi also cited the recently concluded BRICS Summit hosted by India and the unanimous adoption of the New Delhi Declaration as another indication of growing global trust in India.

India slams Pak at UNSC over safe havens for terrorists

sters of humankind to prosper is important," Parvathani said, in a thinly-veiled reference to Pakistan.

He said that "the same permissive environment that sheltered the architects of 9/11 has, in the years since, continued to provide space, support, and impunity to affiliates of al-Qaeda such as Lashkar-e-Taiba and Jaish-e-Mohammed and their like, acquiring different identities to escape this Council's sanctions framework and whose leadership and terror training infrastructure have been shielded from consequence.

"The international community must join hands to address the continuity of such sanctuary to ensure that more such individuals are not thrust upon any country or its citizens and no one loses family and loved ones," he said.

Last week, as the world marked 25 years of the September 11 terror attacks perpetrated by al-Qaeda, UN Security Council members, including Pakistan, visited the 9/11 memorial in Lower Manhattan.

While bin Laden was captured and killed in the Pakistani town of Abbottabad in 2011, Mohammed was captured in March 2003 in Rawalpindi and is currently detained at Guantanamo Bay.

Binalshibh and bin Attash were captured in Karachi within a span of months, while al-Hawsawi was captured in Pakistan in March 2003.

"Last week, we honoured the memory of those taken mercilessly away by the scourge of terrorism 25 years ago in this very city. Earlier this month, the Council members visited the site of this horrible tragedy. May the memory of these victims always remain a motivation to not only fight against all such individuals who are the worst of humanity, but also those who aid, abet, finance and support their crimes," Parvathaneni said.

US Ambassador to the UN Mike Waltz had taken his fellow Security Council Ambassadors to the 9/11 memorial.

"We reinforced our shared commitment to peace, security, and a world free from terror," Waltz had said.

Pakistan currently sits in the Security Council as a non-permanent member, and its envoy Asim Iftikhar Ahmad was among the UN ambassadors who visited the 9/11 memorial site.

On the 25th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks, the UN Security Council also adopted a Presidential Statement which reaffirmed the Council's "unequivocal condemnation" of the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

The PRST adopted under the French Presidency was the Council's first presidential statement on counter-terrorism in five years.

India also reiterated its deep concern at the humanitarian plight of the Afghan returnees.

The Secretary General's Report on Afghanistan mentions that in 2025, 2.9 million Afghans were returned, and until August 22, 2026, another 1.15 million Afghans were returned, most of which were involuntary.

"A forcible return of this nature that is neither safe nor dignified, of over three million individuals, in any other part of the world would have elicited a political outcry in this Council, urgent provision of large-scale humanitarian support and efforts to ensure better re-integration and assimilation. That there is no such reaction is a sad reflection on the times," Parvathaneni said.

India reaffirmed that returns must be voluntary, safe and dignified, and reintegration should receive sustained international support. To this end, India is cooperating with the UN agencies and the Afghan authorities to make provisions for housing, food and other essential items to ease the immense pain and hardship the returnees are suffering.

India said it also strongly condemns the "trade and transit terror inflicted" on Afghanistan in violation of UN declarations on Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDCs), WTO norms, provisions of the UN Charter and international law, and the tenets of basic human compassion.

Saxena inaugurates high-altitude flower fields

Leh, at an altitude of 10,600 ft, are also the largest flower fields in the country.

With over 25 lakh high-value flowers, including 24 lakh Lilium and 1 lakh Gladiolus, the flower fields are spread over 40 acres.

The flower field at Choglamsar has been developed in a record time of just two months. Plantation at Choglamsar began on July 16, and the first bloom started in the first week of September. On the other hand, plantation of nearly 14 lakh Liliums at Stakna flower field began in August, and the first bloom was expected around the end of October.

The LG said the initiative was more than just the start of flower cultivation; it was an effort to sow the seeds of new livelihoods, skills, and opportunities for the people of Ladakh.

"A key objective of the flower garden is to develop it as a training and demonstration centre for farmers and youth. The facility will provide exposure to modern cultivation techniques, scientific farming practices and improved post-harvest management, enabling farmers to acquire the knowledge and skills required to take up floriculture at the farm and village level," he added.

"Besides functioning as a recreational and educational space for residents and tourists, the flower fields will create an ecosystem where not only flowers, but also knowledge, skills and enterprises can grow. Floriculture is a high-value agricultural activity that can complement traditional farming, enhance farmers' incomes and open new avenues for employment and entrepreneurship," Saxena said.

The flower garden will be opened to the general public from September 18, 2026. To ensure its proper maintenance and upkeep, an entry fee of Rs 25 for adults and Rs 10 for children has been fixed. The revenue generated will be utilised for the maintenance and upkeep of the garden.

ACB registers FIRs against JKAS officer

Officer, Singhpora/Pattan, under the relevant provisions of Prevention of Corruption Act.

A verification into the allegations against the officer found assets including a substantial bank balance, FDRs, LIC policies and jewellery, besides immovable properties, including a five-storey commercial shopping complex at Baramulla and plots of land at Baramulla, Gulmarg, Kreeeri and Chowadi in Jammu.

Officials alleged that the expenditure incurred and the value of assets acquired by the officer were disproportionate to her income from all known sources.

During investigation, searches were conducted at her residential and office premises pursuant to the warrants issued by anti-corruption court, Baramulla, and incriminating material was seized, officials said.

In the second case, FIR was registered against Sheeba in connection with alleged irregularities in the distribution of government foodgrains under the public distribution system during her tenure as assistant director, consumer affairs & public distribution department, Baramulla, between June 2013 and June 2015.

The case also names Mohammad Shafi Rather alias Kandaman, then a salesman in the CA&PD Department, along with other public servants and private persons.

The ACB verification found alleged unauthorised diversion and re-appropriation of government foodgrains from APL to BPL/AAV categories, involving a financial implication of Rs 26.32 lakh, officials said.

An unexplained shortage of 16,763.77 quintals of government foodgrains, valued at Rs 1.67 crat the applicable APL issue rate, besides discrepancies involving 6,120.13 quintals of foodgrains with a financial implication of Rs 61.20 lakh, was also alleged.

According to officials, the alleged irregularities resulted in a total wrongful loss of Rs 2.61 crto the government exchequer.

Searches were also conducted at the residential and office premises of Sheeba and Rather in connection with the case, during which incriminating material was seized, officials said.

Investigation in both the cases was underway.

Man dies from 'mysterious' gunshot injury

Board of Doctors at the GMCH here. Police had registered a case in this connection and launched a probe into the incident.

Properties of 2 terrorists attached

adding that both were actively involved in terror acts in J&K.

The attached properties also included two residential houses, officials said.

NTA releases tentative exam calendar

trance is proposed to be held from January 22-24 and January 28-30, 2027, with January 31 as buffer date.

The UGC-NET will tentatively be held from December 14-19, with December 20-21 as buffer dates. The Joint CSIR UGC-NET will be conducted from December 20-21.

The Common Management Admission Test (CMAT) will be held on February 7, 2027.

The Common University Post Graduate Admission Test (CUET-PG) will be held from March 1-5, March 8, March 12-20, and March 24-25, 2027, while March 30-31 have been kept as buffer dates.

Other exams that are proposed to be conducted during the period are National Initiative for Technical Teachers Training (NITTT) Part 1 and 2, Army Cadets College exam, NIFT entrance exam, Rashtriya Indian Military College exam, Rashtriya Military Schools exam, SWAYAM exam and All India Sainik Schools entrance examination.

Consider deferring 3-language policy: SC to CBSE

set, said that just to comfort the children, the CBSE should consider deferring the implementation of the three-language policy from the next academic year.

If the students, who are in class 6 at present, want to study three languages from this year, they can also be allowed, Justice Bagchi added.

The law officer said that the CBSE would consider the suggestion and come back with a fresh note on the issue.

The bench said its suggestions were without prejudice to the rights and contentions of the parties and the real issues may be decided later.

Earlier, the Centre and the CBSE told the bench that they were working on its suggestions on implementing the policy mandating the study of three languages, including two native Indian languages, for Class 6 students.

On May 27, the top court agreed to examine a plea challenging the policy and issued notices to the Centre, the CBSE and the NCERT seeking their responses.

According to a circular issued by the CBSE, the study of three languages, including at least two native Indian languages, has been made compulsory for Class 9 students beginning July 1.

"Every student in Class 9 would study three languages. Out of the three languages, at least two would be Bhartiya Bhashas. Examples of Bhartiya Bhashas: Hindi, Sanskrit, Tamil, Telugu, Kannada, Malayalam, Marathi, Bengali, Punjabi, Gujarati, Odia, Assamese, etc. Examples of non-native languages: English, French, German, Arabic, Spanish, etc.," the CBSE had said in its statement.

Two Indian languages have been made mandatory for class 6, with some relaxations for Classes 7, 8 and 9 students, who were studying two non-native languages.

The move is part of the CBSE's alignment of its scheme of studies with the National Education Policy-2020 and the National Curriculum Framework for School Education-2023.

According to the circular issued on May 15, students opting for a foreign language may do so only as the third language after studying two native Indian languages, or as an additional fourth language.

"With effect from July 1, 2026, for Class 9, the study of three languages (R1, R2, R3) shall be compulsory, with at least two languages being native Indian languages," the circular said.

The board said till the dedicated R3 textbooks are available, Class 9 students shall use Class 6 R3 textbooks (2026-

27 edition) of the chosen language.

The CBSE said that to keep the focus on learning and reduce any undue pressure on students, no board examination shall be conducted for R3 at the Class 10 level.

It also asked schools to update their R3 language offerings for Classes 6 to 9 on the OASIS portal by June 30.

Omar reiterates demand to restore J&K statehood

The heritage property, located at 2-Court Road, Amritsar, has been comprehensively upgraded with modern amenities to provide affordable & comfortable accommodation to the J&K residents visiting Amritsar, particularly patients and their attendants travelling to the city for medical treatment.

The renovation and upgradation works commenced in October 2025 and were completed at an approximate cost of Rs 2.30 cr. The works covered civil and electrical works, interiors, guest amenities, external development and allied infrastructure.

The upgraded facility comprises four guest rooms with attached dressing areas and washrooms, besides a common sitting lounge, dining area and kitchen.

Located close to major hospitals and other key destinations in the city, the J&K House will serve as an important support facility for patients and their attendants, besides benefiting students, pilgrims and other visitors from Jammu and Kashmir.

The chief minister inspected the upgraded facilities and directed the officers concerned to maintain high standards of hospitality, cleanliness and upkeep for guests.

He said the facility would help ease the difficulties faced by patients and their families travelling outside Jammu and Kashmir for treatment, while also providing a convenient and affordable place to stay for other visitors from J&K.

He appreciated the efforts of the departments and officers involved in the renovation and upgradation of the property and stressed the importance of maintaining the facility to high standards.

Asked about statehood, he said to reporters, "You all know what happened with us. We were told that statehood would be restored after the (J&K) elections. But nothing was given in writing; only verbal assurances were given."

He also advised the leadership of Ladakh not to rely on the Centre's verbal assurances regarding their struggle for constitutional safeguards with regard to land and jobs.

"Hence, I suggest to people and friends in Ladakh not to trust the Centre's words. Rather, have them in writing. We did not get anything in writing, and we are at the same place today. J&K has been a victim of the BJP-led Centre's verbal assurances," the chief minister said.

He noted that the Centre had outlined a three-step process - delimitation, Assembly elections and the restoration of statehood.

"Even in Parliament and in the Supreme Court, this assurance was given. While we saw delimitation and elections in J&K, in which people participated, statehood has not been restored even till now," he said.

In December 2023, the Supreme Court upheld the Centre's decision to revoke the special status and create the two UTs but told the government to restore J&K's statehood as soon as possible.

The chief minister was accompanied by his advisor Nasir Aslam Wani, additional chief secretary to CM - Dheeraj Gupta, J&K resident commissioner Ramesh Kumar, hospitality & protocol secretary Avny Lavasa, additional resident commissioner Anil Sharma, and senior officers of the governments of J&K and Punjab.

India heading towards 'Viksit Bharat' goal: Rajnath

ward with a "renewed sense of purpose", drawing strength from its civilisational roots.

PM Modi was born on September 17, 1950, in the small town of Vadnagar in Gujarat.

"From physical infrastructure to digital connectivity, from the welfare of the poor to innovation and entrepreneurship, we have made historic and remarkable strides across every sphere. Ease of living has improved, opportunities have expanded, and the dignity of every individual has been strengthened," he added.

In his long post, the defence minister also said PM Modi had placed good governance and public service at the "centre of the country's development journey, making administration more transparent, accountable and citizen-centric".

Singh asserted that under Modi's leadership, India's civilisational values and rich cultural heritage had received renewed recognition and respect on the global stage.

"India today is moving forward with a renewed sense of purpose, drawing strength from its civilisational roots. I pray for his good health, long life, and continued strength and energy in the service of the nation," he said.

In all-party meet, Speaker calls for ensuring smooth conduct of House

House.

The Speaker called for coordinated efforts by all stakeholders to ensure the smooth and effective conduct of the House proceedings and underlined that the legislative institution carries a significant responsibility towards the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

"Every eye is on the proceedings of the Assembly and the people are watching how their elected representatives articulate their grievances and raise issues of public importance in the House. This places a great responsibility on every member. It is, therefore, imperative that all members conduct themselves with due regard to the dignity, discipline and decorum of the House," he said.

He stressed that parliamentary debate should remain focused on public welfare, constructive deliberations and the effective articulation of issues confronting people, while maintaining the established conventions and dignity of the legislature.

During the meeting, the members of the Business Advisory Committee put forward a range of valuable suggestions aimed at making the session more relevant, inclusive and responsive to public aspirations.

The members emphasised the importance of providing sufficient opportunities to legislators to raise constituency-specific concerns and matters requiring the attention of the government.

Among the key suggestions discussed was the conduct of Zero Hour, with members proposing that Chief Whips and party leaders should identify the members who would participate and furnish the requisite list in advance to facilitate effective management of the proceedings.

The members also suggested that mobile phone usage inside the assembly hall should not be permitted, in order to maintain discipline, attentiveness and the decorum of the House.

Emphasis was also laid on timely circulation of the list of Private Members' Bills, Resolutions along with questions and answers, well in advance of the proceedings. The members stated that advance availability of such legislative material would enable them to study the issues thoroughly, prepare appropriately and raise relevant supplementary questions during the Session.

The committee stressed that every member should be provided adequate time and opportunity to present matters of public concern, constituency grievances and issues of wider significance before the House, in accordance with the applicable rules and the approved business of the assembly.

The Speaker took note of the suggestions put forth by the members and underscored the collective responsibility of all members and concerned stakeholders in ensuring the orderly, productive and meaningful conduct of the autumn session.

The meeting concluded with an emphasis on strengthening parliamentary engagement, facilitating constructive debate and ensuring that the proceedings of the assembly remain focused on the concerns and aspirations of the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

The meeting was attended by Leader of Opposition Sunil Kumar Sharma, Ali Mohammad Sagar, Mubarik Gul, MY-Tarigami, Nizamuddin Bhat, Sajad Gani Lone, Mir Mohammad Fayaz and Choudhary Mohammad Akram.

LA secretaryManoj Kumar Pandit was also present in the meeting.

2 Pak terrorists of JeM killed, OGW held in Majalta woods

threat," the Jammu-based White Knight Corps said in a post on X.

During searches, security forces laid hands on a local youth, believed to be an OGW of terrorists. His sustained questioning was in progress, officials said.

Reinforcements had been rushed to the area, and the search operation was continuing when reports last came in this evening.

Officials said both the slain terrorists were believed to be Pakistanis.

It was the second major encounter in Udhampur district this year. In February, two Pakistani terrorists, including self-styled commander Rubani alias Abu Mavia, who was active in the area for the past several years, were killed in Ramnagar forests.

Over the past several years, the difficult mountain terrain of the Kathua-Udhampur-Doda belt have been used by JeM terrorists to establish hideouts and evade security forces after infiltrating from across the border.

"However, security forces have dismantled these networks to deny terrorists safe passage and shelter in the upper reaches," officials said.

The relentless operations have resulted in the elimination of a large number of active terrorists operating in the region, many of them identified as Pakistani nationals.

In Doda district, four terrorists and five security personnel were killed in separate encounters in 2025, while four terrorists were killed in adjoining Kishtwar district this year.

India committed to ensure its energy security: MEA

lier occasions, India remains firmly committed to ensuring energy security for its 1.4 billion people," the MEA said in a statement.

"It will continue to do so through diversified sourcing and on the basis of evolving market dynamics," it said.

The MEA said the issue has been "discussed at high levels in recent months with various US interlocutors".

"Its potential implications for not just the bilateral relationship but also the international energy market have been very clearly articulated by the Indian side," it said.

The MEA said that the Indian side had also made clear to the US side its determination to take all necessary measures to protect the country's trade and economic interests.

"The government will work closely with Indian trade and industry bodies to deal with the implications of these developments," it said.

The US House of Representatives passed on Wednesday a sweeping sanctions and tariff bill intended to increase economic pressure on Russia over its 2022 invasion of Ukraine, nearly 1-1/2 years after the late US Senator Lindsey Graham, a South Carolina Republican, introduced it with dozens of other senators.

The Republican-majority House voted 262 to 159 in favour of the bill.

NBW issued against Pak terrorist linked to Pahalgam attack

ing weapons, funds and directions to terrorists in the valley.

The agency also informed the court that Telegraph IDs linked to Saifullah were recovered from one of the arrested Pakistani terrorists, revealing that he had provided directions for attacks on security forces, civilians and government establishments.

After hearing the NIA and examining the application and accompanying material, the court issued the NBW against the LeTerrorist.

"Keeping in view the fact that the accused person is at large and the investigating agency has not been able to procure his attendance in the ordinary manner....as such a general warrant of arrest (non-bailable) is issued against Saifullah and is forwarded to SSP, Kulgam, as the last known address of the accused is village Yamrach (in South Kashmir district) for execution of the warrant as per procedure prescribed under law. The warrant has been sent for execution to the concerned authority through NIA," officials said.

According to NIA, Saifullah had also acted as a terrorist commander of LeT in 2005 to 2007 in Kulgam district and later exfiltrated to Pakistan.

PM's leadership has brought major development to J&K: LG

ASHA workers, tree plantation, youth activities, and registration camps under Seva Setu Abhiyan.

"Until October 17, a 'Seva Setu Abhiyan' will be run at block and ward level, with 3-4 day camps to register deprived beneficiaries for government schemes. I earnestly appeal that every J&K citizen participates wholeheartedly in this campaign," the LG said.

"The PM has worked day & night for 140 crcountrymen and has helped build a new, powerful Jammu & Kashmir. The GDP growth rate for the first quarter of 2026-27 is 7.8 pc. If we look at other indicators of welfare and development, 25 crpeople have moved above the poverty line and 80 crpeople are receiving free ration under the Garib Kalyan Ann Yojana," he said.

Sinha also highlighted the unprecedented growth of national highways, which had increased from 91,000 km to 146,000 km, and the number of airports had risen from 74 to 165.

"Kashmir is now directly connected with the rail network. Discrimination has been eliminated and the UT is witnessing historic transformation. As far as welfare schemes across the country are concerned, 11 crtoilets, more than 10 crre gas connections and 4 crPM Awas have been provided, and another 3 crhouses are under construction. Under the PM's guidance, Jammu & Kashmir will emerge as an unparalleled example of prosperity and happiness. I urge all citizens of Jammu & Kashmir to contribute to this Service Campaign," he said.