

Let Justice Roll



NewsWatch on Livelihood, Food Security, Land Rights, Gender, Identity & Social Exclusion

About Us

Vision

"Where there is justice in the land, fields and forest every living being will dance and sing"



Mission

In the spirit of service and sacrifice of Christ, CNI-SBSS would like to accompany DBSS and its partners to engage with the reference communities, so that they will develop the capacity (skills and assets) to negotiate with the policy makers and to realize their rights and emerge as an alternative political force. To move towards this direction, communities would be sensitized socially, politically, economically and culturally to organize themselves and claim their rights over livelihood means while protecting their identity.

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News of the Fortnight

UPA's 100-day Action Plan

UPA government has been brought back by people of India with lot of expectations. Dr Manmohan Singh commenced his second innings as Prime Minister on May 22, 2009, backed by a clear mandate in favour of the Congress-led United progress Alliance(UPA). The challenges before him are many--global economic recession, rising terror threat, troubled neighbours, etc. He has charted out a 100-day action plan to get the economy back on the rails and address other priority areas. By setting 100 days agenda Dr Manmohan Singh has shown that he means business.



In its second innings, the United Progressive Alliance (UPA) government has unveiled its showcase scheme — providing rice at Rs 3 a kg, at one fifth the market price, to 260 million people, or one fourth of India's population. Back on the basis of the inclusive India plank, the government's agenda for the next five years, includes 33 per cent reservation for women in Parliament and assemblies. Also on the agenda are 50 per cent reservations for women in local bodies — inspired by Bihar's successful experiment, initiated two years ago. In her first address to Parliament, President Pratibha Devisingh Patil unveiled welfare schemes like houses for the poor in rural and urban India that will cost the government a lot of money.

The National Rural Employment Guarantee Act alone, introduced by the Manmohan Singh government in its first avatar, cost the exchequer Rs 40,000 crore over the last three years. The cheap rice scheme is estimated to fatten the subsidy bill — the difference between the price at which rice is bought by the government (Rs 15) and the price at which it will be sold (Rs 3) — by nearly Rs 17,000 crore. "These initiatives were possible because high growth generated more resources. It is, therefore, imperative that our growth momentum is resumed," Patil said. She listed management of the economy as the government's "immediate priority", "My government is determined to work harder and better to realise these goals," she said, describing the election results as a mandate for "inclusive growth, equitable development and a secular and plural India".

Resources

Summary of the Government's 100-day list

A summary of what the Government has on its 100-day list.

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Women's Reservation Leads Government's 100- day plan

The priorities of the new Government for the next 100 days are a slew of women development plans including the long-pending Women Reservation Bill. [Read More](#)

The Economy-Related Highlights

Following are the economy-related highlights of President [Pratibha Patil's](#) address to the joint session of Parliament on 4th June 2009 [Read More](#)

Education and 100 day plan

The Right to free and Compulsory Education Bill, pending in Parliament, is also under the active consideration of the [Manmohan Singh](#) Government. [Read More](#)

Plan on Energy

Outlining its coordinated action on the energy front, the Government said it would strive to add at least 13,000 mega watt of power [Read More](#)

The roadmap unveiled by President Pratibha Patil emphasised upon combining economic reforms with enhanced public investment to spur growth and consolidation of flagship programmes like Bharat Nirman, apart from enhancing the government's accountability. She also unveiled a 22-point agenda for the government that would be initiated within the next 100 days.

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