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Prime Minister Narendra Modi yesterday said India is witnessing an unprecedented phase of certainty amidst great global uncertainty. Mr Modi was speaking after inaugurating the two-day Vibrant Gujarat Regional Conference for the Kutch and Saurashtra regions in Rajkot. He said India is moving rapidly to become a developed nation, with reforms playing a crucial role in achieving this objective.

The Prime Minister urged industry leaders to invest in India and the Saurashtra-Kutch region, saying this is the right time for investment. On the occasion, the Prime Minister virtually launched 13 greenfield smart industrial estates across seven districts of Saurashtra and inaugurated a specialised medical device park in Rajkot.

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Today is National Youth Day. The day is observed every year on 12th of January to commemorate the birth anniversary of the great spiritual leader and philosopher Swami Vivekananda. His inspiring life and empowering message continue to motivate young people to pursue their dreams, harness their inner strength, and build a future guided by his ideals. On the occasion, Prime Minister Narendra Modi will participate in the concluding session of the Viksit Bharat Young Leaders Dialogue 2026 in New Delhi. Mr Modi will interact with around three thousand youth from across the country, along with young delegates representing the international diaspora.

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Prime Minister's flagship platform for Pro-Active Governance and Timely Implementation, PRAGATI, has marked a significant milestone with the successful conduct of its 50th meeting. Since its launch by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in 2015, PRAGATI has transformed governance by enabling real-time monitoring and resolution of key infrastructure projects and public grievances through direct Prime Ministerial review. The platform exemplifies cooperative federalism, bringing together the Centre, States, and Union Ministries on a single digital interface. Today, in this special series, we take a look at the maternity benefit scheme - Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana of Women and Child Development Ministry. a Report:

V/C The government's maternity benefit scheme- , Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana was reviewed thoroughly under the PRAGATI by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Under the Scheme, Pregnant Women and Lactating Mothers receive a cash benefit of five thousand rupees for the first child and six thousand rupees for the second girl child. Since inception of the PMMVY scheme in January 2017, over four crore beneficiaries have been paid maternity benefit amounting to more than 20 thousand crore rupees through direct benefit transfer. After the PRAGATI meeting, mandatory biometric verification through Facial Recognition System introduced from 21st May last year for all new enrolments. Over 23 Lakh beneficiaries have been enrolled after biometric verification through this system. The Ministry of Women and Child Development also made proactive effort to reach the doorstep by using the available database of the Poshan Tracker to create a due list of potential beneficiaries. By promoting health check-ups, good nutrition, and financial awareness, the scheme helps women take control of their lives and supports the goal of women-led development.

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A week long Hunger Free India campaign organised by Lions Club of Dimapur culminated yesterday. Members served dinner and dry rations to needy people in Dimapur. Fruit packets were distributed to patients and nursing staff at District Hospital Dimapur. An awareness campaign on Food Waste to Food Plate emphasizing responsible food usage and distribution was conducted during the campaign.

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As part of the Chief Minister Mobile Operation Theatre (CM-MOT), the camp will be organized at various places this month. The camp will be held at Medziphema on 12th and 13th January, Doyapur or Dhansari on 14th and 15th January, at Viswema Community Health Centre on 19th & 20th January and Botsa on 21st and 22nd January. The CMMOT is led by Kohima MLA Dr Tsielhoutuo Rhütso and all medical intervention are free of cost. An update informed that all types of laparoscopic or keyhole, major and minor operation will be done. This includes medical cases including Gall bladder, Appendix, Hernia, Womb and Ovary, Intestine, Kidney and urinary tract stone, Thyroid, Tonsil or any swelling in the body.

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