

Bill on civil nuclear sector among 10 bills planned for Parlt winter session

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A BILL seeking to open up the civil nuclear sector for private players is among the 10 new proposed legislations listed by the Government for introduction in the winter session of Parliament, beginning December 1.

Besides the crucial 'The Atomic Energy Bill, 2025', which seeks to govern the use and regulation of atomic energy in India, the Higher Education Commission of India Bill is also on the agenda. According to a Lok Sabha bulletin, the proposed law seeks to set up a Higher Education Commission of India to facilitate universities and other higher educational institutes to become independent and self-governing institutions and to promote excellence through a robust and transparent system of accreditation and autonomy.

It has long been on the Government's agenda. The National Highways

(Amendment) Bill, also listed for introduction, seeks to ensure faster and transparent land acquisition for national highways. Another proposed legislation is the Corporate Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2025, which aims at tweaking the Companies Act, 2013 and LLP Act, 2008, to facilitate ease of doing business.

Also on the Government's agenda is the Securities Markets Code Bill (SMC), 2025, which proposes to consolidate provisions of the Securities and Exchange Board of India Act, 1992, Depositories Act, 1996, and Securities Contracts (Regulation) Act, 1956, into a rationalised single Securities Markets Code. The Government also plans changes to the Arbitration and Conciliation Act. Law Ministry officials said a proposed amendment to section 34 of the law and a Supreme Court observation on company directors have made the Government refer the issue to a committee.

India to adopt 2022–23 as base year, include new data sets in GDP estimation

NEW DELHI, Nov 22 (IANS)

INDIA is set to undergo a significant economic statistical overhaul as the Government announced updation of its GDP estimation framework, adopting 2022–23 as the new base year, an official statement has said. FY 2022-23 has been chosen as the base year of the new series and the estimates of new series are scheduled to be released on February, 27 2026, the statement said.

The revised series will draw on new datasets unavailable during the last overhaul over a decade ago. These new datasets include a refined frame of active

companies, detailed Limited Liability Partnership filings, more disclosures from corporate annual returns, and the annual survey of unincorporated enterprises.

These inputs aim to strengthen estimates across institutional sectors, especially private corporations and MSME-heavy activities where data gaps have long persisted.

An Advisory Committee on National Account Statistics (ACNAS) has been constituted to advise MoSPI on inclusion of new data sources for improving the estimates of National Accounts and the methodology for compilation and presen-

tation of National Accounts Statistics for purposes of economic analysis and policy formulation, a release from Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) said.

The new inputs will allow Government to measure turnover share of companies by specific business activity, enabling output to be correctly distributed across operational segments of multi-activity firms rather than attributed to a single dominant line.

Inclusion of LLP data and extensive use of Annual Survey of Unincorporated Enterprises (ASUSE) and labour force sur-

veys are expected to improve coverage of services and the hard-to-measure activity outside corporate sector.

To apprise the users about the changes being made in the new series, the Ministry has released a discussion paper on national accounts on its websites.

The next discussion paper is expected to cover methodological changes in compilation of aggregates using expenditure approach.

MoSPI invited feedback from experts, academicians, Government bodies and other stakeholders on the discussion paper by December 10, 2025.

India's PSUs target 900 KTPA capacity of green hydrogen

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UNION Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas Hardeep Singh Puri on Saturday said that India is building "trust in every molecule of hydrogen".

The Minister added that the country's public sector units (PSUs) target an overall capacity of 900 kilo tonnes per annum (KTPA) by 2030.

The Minister highlighted the progress under the Green Hydrogen Certification Scheme (GHCI) and that State energy companies will save the country Rs 1 lakh crore in imports.

"India is building trust in every molecule of hydrogen. The Green Hydrogen Certification Scheme (GHCI), launched in April 2025, ensures hydrogen is genuinely green produced using renewable power with emissions below 2 kg

carbon dioxide per kg," Puri posted on social media platform X.

"PSUs like IOCL (Indian Oil



Corporation Limited), BPCL (Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited), HPCL (Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited), GAIL (Gas Authority of India Limited), ONGC (Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited), NRL (Numaligarh Refinery Limited), and CPCL (Chennai Petroleum Corporation Limited) are developing 900 KTPA capacity by 2030, helping replace grey hydrogen and save Rs 1 lakh crore in imports," the Union Minister added. The post follows

Government claims that the country will command 10 per cent of the global green hydrogen demand by 2030.

Union Minister Shripad Y. Naik said earlier in November that India is steadily advancing toward 500 GW of non-fossil capacity by 2030 and net-zero emissions by 2070. The Minister added that India's installed non-fossil-fuel-based power generation capacity has reached nearly 260 GW, led by solar and wind energy.

The Minister highlighted the National Green Hydrogen Mission's transition from planning to implementation, with incentive schemes worth Rs 17,000 crore and projects awarded for 3,000 MW per annum of domestic electrolyser manufacturing and 862,000 tonnes per annum of green hydrogen production.

PM Modi meets world leaders on G20 sidelines in Johannesburg

JOHANNESBURG, Nov 22 (PTI)

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday had an engaging exchange on different issues with multiple world leaders here and said they together reaffirmed “shared commitment to global progress and prosperity.”

Modi met his British counterpart Keir Starmer, Malaysian Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim, French President Emmanuel Macron, South Korea’s President Lee Jae-myung, Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva and UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres on the sidelines of the G20 Leaders’ Summit hosted by South Africa. “It was wonderful meeting Prime Minister Keir Starmer in Johannesburg. This year has brought new energy to the India–UK partnership and we will keep driving it forward across many domains,” Modi said in a post on X.

Modi said he had a “great exchange of views” with Prime Minister Ibrahim and added that India and Malaysia will continue to work together “to diversify bilateral cooperation.”

He said he was “delighted” to meet President Macron, with whom he “had an engaging exchange on different issues. India–France ties remain a force for global good!” Modi said in another post on X.

The Prime Minister had a “wonderful meeting” with Korean leader Lee Jae-myung,



Prime Minister Narendra Modi during the G20 Leaders’ Summit, in Johannesburg, South Africa. (PTI)

which was their second meeting this year. Modi said the meeting was “indicative of the strong momentum in our Special Strategic Partnership. We exchanged perspectives to further deepen our economic and investment linkages.”

After his meeting with the Brazilian president, Modi said, “India and Brazil will continue to work closely to boost trade and cultural linkages for the benefit of our people.” The Prime Minister said he had a “very productive” conversation with UN chief Guterres. Before the main session of the Summit, PM Modi also interacted with many other leaders, including Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni. Sharing a ‘Family Photo’ with fellow G20 leaders at the Johannesburg

Summit, Modi said in a post on X: “Together, we reaffirm our shared commitment to global progress and prosperity.”

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday interacted with Indian origin tech entrepreneurs and members of the Indian community based in South Africa and called upon them to deepen their engagement with India.

Modi, who is in Johannesburg to attend the G20 Leaders’ Summit, in a social media post said he had a “fruitful interaction” with Indian origin tech entrepreneurs and they talked about the work they are doing in sectors such as FinTech, social media platforms, agriculture, education, healthcare, medical devices and more.

PM Modi calls for new global DEVELOPMENT MODEL AT G20



African Cyril Ramaphosa, welcomes Prime Minister Narendra Modi on the opening day of the G20 Summit, in Johannesburg, South Africa on Saturday. (AP/PTI)

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PRIME Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday called for a profound rethink of the global development parameters and proposed setting up of a G20 initiative to counter the drug-terror nexus and a global healthcare response team.

PM MODI UNVEILS 4 KEY INITIATIVES:

- Creation of a G20 Global Traditional Knowledge Repository
- G20-Africa Skills Multiplier
- G20 Initiative on Countering the Drug-Terror Nexus
- Global Healthcare Response Team

G20 Declaration adopted despite US attempt to stop it

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IN A strong message, the G-20 on Saturday said that all states must refrain from the threat or use of force to seek territorial acquisition against the territorial integrity and sovereignty or political independence of any state.

A Declaration, adopted with consensus by the heads of state attending the G20 Leaders' Summit despite US attempts to stop it, also said that states should develop friendly relations among nations, including by

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Addressing the opening session of the G20 Leaders' Meeting here, Modi said the G20 has long shaped global finance and growth, but prevailing models have deprived large populations of resources and driven the

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