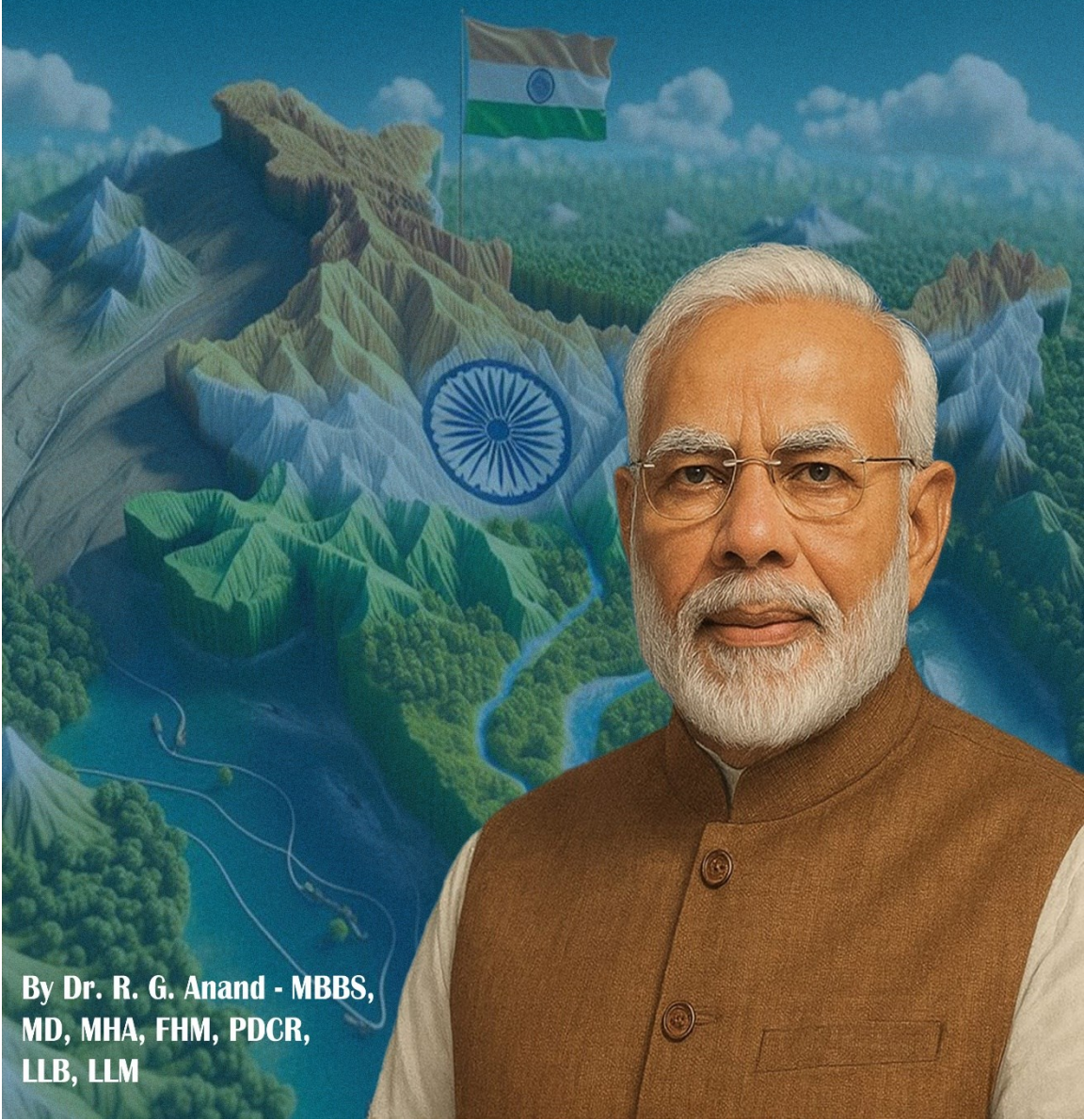


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PREFACE

The idea of a nation is not merely defined by its geography or its population—it is shaped by its dreams, its resilience, and its relentless pursuit of progress. *Viksit Bharat 2047* is more than a vision; it is a collective aspiration to build an India that is not only economically strong but also socially just, environmentally conscious, culturally proud, and globally respected.

This book is born out of a deep belief in India's potential and a sense of urgency about the opportunities and responsibilities that lie ahead. As India approaches its 100th year of independence, we find ourselves at a historic crossroads. The choices we make today will determine the trajectory of generations to come. This is a time for bold thinking, inclusive planning, and unwavering commitment to national development.

In compiling this work, our aim is to offer a comprehensive understanding of the *Viksit Bharat 2047* initiative—its foundational principles, strategic pillars, and the path forward. We draw from a wide range of perspectives and disciplines to present a vision that is both grounded in reality and ambitious in scope. It is our hope that this book serves not only as a resource for policymakers, scholars, and citizens but also as a source of inspiration for all who are invested in shaping India's future.

The journey to a developed India is not a solitary one. It calls for unity of purpose, strength of will, and the collective energy of a billion dreams. This book is a humble contribution to that journey.

Let us imagine boldly, act decisively, and move forward together.

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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Dr. R. G. Anand is a dedicated public health expert, humanitarian, and advocate for child welfare, whose life and work exemplify the power of commitment and service. With a career spanning decades, he has left an indelible mark on the lives of countless individuals, particularly children and marginalized communities.

Dr. Anand's journey began in the humble surroundings of a village in Pudukottai district, Tamil Nadu. Born to parents who were schoolteachers, he imbibed the values of education, hard work, and compassion from an early age. These early lessons became the foundation of his life's mission: to serve those who are often overlooked by society.

After earning his MBBS degree and an MD in Preventive and Social Medicine, Dr. Anand pursued a

Fellowship in HIV Medicine at Christian Medical College, Vellore, and later obtained a Bachelor of Legislative Law (LLB) to champion the cause of child protection. His academic pursuits reflect his belief in combining medical expertise with legal and policy advocacy to address healthcare challenges holistically.

Dr. Anand's professional journey is as remarkable as it is inspiring. In 2012, as a Program Officer with the National AIDS Control Organization (NACO), he played a critical role in reducing mother-to-child HIV transmission rates in Tamil Nadu. His efforts contributed to achieving a zero-transmission rate, a milestone in India's public health history. Later, as a Member of the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR), he traveled across the country, conducting over 250 health camps and safeguarding the rights of vulnerable children.

Beyond his professional accolades, Dr. Anand is a champion of grassroots change. He has organized over

500 free medical camps, supported the education of thousands of underprivileged children, and launched innovative programs like "Samvedana," a tele-counseling initiative during the COVID-19 pandemic that provided solace and guidance to children.

Dr. Anand's philosophy is rooted in the belief that healthcare and education are fundamental rights, not privileges. His vision is one of a society where every child, regardless of their circumstances, has the opportunity to thrive. Through his work with organizations like WHO and UNICEF, he has amplified this vision on a global scale, collaborating with international leaders to implement sustainable healthcare solutions.

Recognized by numerous awards, including the World Book of Records acknowledgment for his disaster management efforts, Dr. Anand remains grounded and driven by a simple yet profound principle: "True success lies in the lives we uplift."

INTRODUCTION

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Viksit Bharat 2047, which translates to “*Developed India 2047*,” is a bold and transformative vision launched by the Government of India with the overarching objective of transforming the nation into a fully developed, self-reliant, and globally competitive powerhouse by the time it celebrates the centenary of its independence in the year 2047. This landmark year is not just a symbolic milestone commemorating a hundred years of freedom; it is also a definitive and strategic deadline by which the country aims to overcome historical developmental hurdles and reposition itself as a leader on the global stage—economically, technologically, socially, and geopolitically.

The vision of Viksit Bharat goes far beyond mere GDP growth or industrial expansion. It envisions an India

that is economically vibrant, socially inclusive, environmentally sustainable, technologically advanced, and deeply rooted in its constitutional values and civilizational heritage. It aspires to build a society where every citizen, regardless of socio-economic background, gender, caste, region, or religion, has equal access to opportunities, rights, and dignity. The goal is not just prosperity for a few, but holistic progress that uplifts all.

At the heart of the Viksit Bharat 2047 initiative lies an acute awareness of the vast and untapped potential that India holds—its demographic dividend, immense human capital, rich natural resources, robust democratic institutions, expanding digital infrastructure, and thriving entrepreneurial ecosystem. This vision acknowledges that India's true strength lies in its diversity, resilience, and youthful energy. To harness this strength, a paradigm shift is required—from fragmented and reactive policymaking to

coordinated, inclusive, and long-term planning that integrates economic advancement with social equity and environmental responsibility.

Crucially, Viksit Bharat 2047 is not conceived as a top-down initiative or a singular policy framework. It is a national movement, a shared mission that calls for the convergence of efforts from all sectors of society. The vision depends on robust partnerships and collaborative governance involving the central and state governments, private sector stakeholders, academic and research institutions, civil society organizations, and, above all, the active engagement and empowerment of India's 1.4 billion citizens. It calls for a whole-of-nation approach where every individual sees themselves as a stakeholder in the country's future.

India today finds itself at a pivotal crossroads in its developmental journey. As the world's most populous country and one of the fastest-growing major economies, India has the unprecedented opportunity—

and responsibility—to shape not only its own destiny but also contribute meaningfully to the global order in the 21st century. At the same time, it faces complex and interlinked challenges, such as persistent poverty, rising unemployment, climate vulnerability, resource scarcity, urban-rural divides, and a rapidly evolving international political environment. The Viksit Bharat 2047 vision seeks to confront these challenges with strategic foresight, inclusive governance, and transformative reforms, ensuring that progress is both rapid and resilient.

This ambitious vision signals a confident and forward-looking India—one that is ready not just to lift millions out of poverty or achieve technological feats, but to redefine what national development means in the modern era. It is a declaration that the next two decades will be marked by decisive action, systemic reforms, innovation-led growth, and a renewed sense of national purpose. By setting clear, measurable long-term goals

and ensuring that all short- and medium-term plans are aligned with this vision, India is laying the foundation for a future where economic prosperity, social justice, cultural pride, and environmental harmony go hand in hand. It is a vision of India as a nation that is not only developed in material terms, but also enriched in spirit, values, and global leadership.

CHAPTER 1

VISION AND OBJECTIVES

The vision of Viksit Bharat 2047 is deeply anchored in India's collective aspiration to become a fully developed nation—one that not only demonstrates economic and technological strength but also champions the universal values of equity, justice, sustainability, and shared prosperity. It is an ambitious yet realistic roadmap that envisions India, by the time it completes a century of independence, as a beacon of progress and leadership on the global stage. This vision deliberately moves beyond the narrow confines of economic metrics such as GDP, choosing instead to adopt a more holistic and inclusive approach to national development—one that integrates economic growth with social well-being, environmental stewardship, cultural vitality, and institutional strength.

At its core, the vision aims to democratize the dividends of development. It is built upon the conviction that progress must be equitable and accessible, reaching every citizen irrespective of their geography, socio-economic status, gender, caste, or creed. It aspires to build an India where quality education is not a privilege but a fundamental right; where healthcare is accessible, affordable, and efficient; where dignified employment opportunities are available for all; and where every individual has the space and support to realize their potential. This inclusivity is not symbolic—it is structural and systemic. The vision emphasizes the empowerment of youth as drivers of innovation and growth, the elevation of women as equal stakeholders in the nation-building process, the upliftment of historically marginalized communities, and the reinforcement of India's cherished philosophy of *unity in diversity*. Social harmony, mutual respect, and a

strong moral fabric are seen not as outcomes, but as foundational elements of true development.

A key pillar of Viksit Bharat 2047 is **environmental consciousness and sustainability**. Recognizing the climate crisis as one of the defining challenges of our time, the vision places ecological balance at the heart of its developmental agenda. It calls for a transition toward green growth, circular economy principles, and low-carbon development pathways. India seeks to lead in the innovation and adoption of clean and renewable energy technologies, sustainable agriculture, water conservation, and climate-resilient infrastructure. The goal is not only to mitigate environmental degradation but also to instill a culture of ecological responsibility among citizens, industries, and institutions. The preservation of forests, biodiversity, and traditional knowledge systems is viewed as critical to ensuring that economic

advancement does not come at the cost of future generations.

Equally central to this vision is the **transformation of governance**. Viksit Bharat 2047 identifies good governance as the enabler that ties together all strands of national progress. This involves building institutions that are transparent, accountable, participatory, and people-centric. It envisions a governance model where citizen services are seamless, efficient, and equitable—powered by digital technologies and real-time data. The emphasis is on minimizing red tape, maximizing efficiency, and ensuring that government machinery is agile, responsive, and empathetic. Digitization, artificial intelligence, and data-driven decision-making are not just tools but essential pillars in creating a citizen-first administrative ecosystem. Strengthening the rule of law, judicial access, and decentralized governance

structures also feature prominently in this pursuit of institutional excellence.

In essence, the Viksit Bharat 2047 vision is **multi-dimensional and deeply interconnected**. It acknowledges that no single pillar—be it economy, environment, or governance—can drive true development in isolation. Rather, it is the synergy of progress in health, education, infrastructure, innovation, inclusion, sustainability, and democratic governance that defines the maturity of a developed nation. This vision is as much about building smart cities and advanced industries as it is about nurturing compassionate communities, preserving heritage, and upholding justice.

Through this long-term and strategic vision, India seeks not merely to rise in global rankings, but to evolve in character and purpose. It aspires to be a country that leads with wisdom, acts with compassion, grows with responsibility, and governs with integrity. In doing so,

Viksit Bharat 2047 aims to construct a future where every Indian lives with dignity, opportunity, and hope—where development is not just seen but deeply felt in the lives of the people.

CHAPTER 2

KEY PILLARS OF VIKSIT BHARAT 2047

The vision of Viksit Bharat 2047 rests on four foundational pillars that collectively define the roadmap to achieving a developed India. These pillars—economic growth, environmental sustainability, social progress, and good governance—represent a comprehensive and balanced approach to national development. Each one is essential in ensuring that progress is inclusive, sustainable, and future-ready. Together, they provide the structural framework upon which the aspirations of a billion-plus citizens can be realized.

3.1 Economic Growth

Economic growth forms the cornerstone of India's vision for 2047. A strong and resilient economy is

essential for generating employment, improving the standard of living, and funding investments in infrastructure, healthcare, education, and innovation. The government envisions India becoming one of the top three economies in the world, with a projected GDP of \$30 trillion by the time the country celebrates its centenary of independence. This ambition is not simply about achieving high numerical targets, but about building a robust economic ecosystem that is competitive, inclusive, and innovation-driven. The emphasis is on expanding manufacturing capabilities through initiatives like 'Make in India', boosting the services sector, supporting startups, and strengthening digital infrastructure to promote a knowledge-based economy. Additionally, focus is being placed on increasing agricultural productivity, promoting rural development, and building self-reliance in key sectors such as energy, defense, and technology. By fostering entrepreneurship and aligning skills with market needs,

the government aims to unlock the potential of India's large youth population and integrate them into the formal economy.

3.2 Environmental Sustainability

Recognizing the urgency of climate change and ecological degradation, environmental sustainability has been placed at the heart of the Viksit Bharat 2047 vision. India's development trajectory is being reimagined to align with the principles of green growth, responsible consumption, and long-term ecological balance. The country has set ambitious goals for renewable energy generation, aiming to significantly reduce its dependence on fossil fuels and transition toward a low-carbon economy. Through missions such as the National Solar Mission and the Green Hydrogen Initiative, India is positioning itself as a global leader in clean energy. The vision also includes large-scale afforestation efforts, rejuvenation of water bodies, protection of biodiversity, and the promotion of

sustainable urban planning. Waste management, clean air initiatives, and water conservation are being prioritized to ensure that development does not come at the cost of the environment. The approach is both pragmatic and visionary, balancing the needs of present generations with the rights of future ones, and encouraging industries and individuals alike to adopt sustainable practices.

3.3 Social Progress

Social development is a critical pillar of the Viksit Bharat 2047 agenda, grounded in the belief that economic growth must translate into tangible improvements in the quality of life for every citizen. The vision seeks to create an inclusive and harmonious society where every individual has the opportunity to realize their potential, irrespective of their socio-economic background. Education and healthcare are at the forefront of this effort, with massive investments being directed toward ensuring universal access,

improving quality, and fostering equity. The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 plays a transformative role in restructuring the education system to be more holistic, flexible, and aligned with global standards. Similarly, schemes like Ayushman Bharat aim to provide health coverage to millions, ensuring that no one is left behind due to financial constraints. The vision also focuses on skilling India's youth, promoting gender equality, empowering rural communities, and strengthening the voice of women, minorities, and marginalized groups. By building a society that values compassion, dignity, and opportunity, India hopes to become not just a richer nation, but a fairer and more just one.

3.4 Good Governance

Good governance is the foundation upon which all other developmental goals are built. The Viksit Bharat 2047 vision emphasizes the creation of a governance framework that is transparent, accountable,

responsive, and technology-enabled. The idea is to simplify processes, reduce red tape, and ensure efficient delivery of public services. Digital governance, driven by platforms such as the JAM trinity—Jan Dhan, Aadhaar, and Mobile—has already begun to transform how the government interacts with its citizens. By harnessing data analytics, artificial intelligence, and blockchain, the aim is to build smarter, evidence-based policymaking systems that are proactive rather than reactive. The government also recognizes the importance of strengthening federalism by promoting cooperative and competitive dynamics between states. Furthermore, the vision advocates for institutional reforms to enhance the rule of law, speed up judicial processes, and increase citizen participation in democratic processes. In doing so, India seeks to build a government that not only governs well but also earns the trust of its people.

CHAPTER 3

STRATEGIC INITIATIVES AND PROGRAMS

The vision of Viksit Bharat 2047 stands on four interdependent and mutually reinforcing pillars: **economic growth, environmental sustainability, social progress, and good governance.** These pillars are not standalone strategies but integral components of a unified development model that seeks to shape India's transformation into a fully developed nation. Together, they reflect a forward-looking, inclusive, and resilient roadmap—one that addresses present needs while laying a strong foundation for future generations. Each pillar plays a critical role in ensuring that India's growth story is equitable, sustainable, and globally influential.

3.1 Economic Growth: Building a Competitive, Resilient, and Inclusive Economy

Economic growth is the engine that powers all aspects of development. For India to achieve the status of a developed nation by 2047, robust, sustained, and inclusive economic expansion is essential. The Viksit Bharat 2047 vision sets an ambitious target of propelling India into the top three global economies, with a projected GDP of \$30 trillion by its centenary of independence. But this vision is not merely about scaling economic charts—it is about deepening the structural strength of the economy and ensuring that prosperity is shared across all segments of society.

The emphasis is on fostering an economy that thrives on **innovation, productivity, and inclusivity**. Industrial growth through *Make in India*, revitalization of the MSME sector, expansion of high-value services like IT and financial services, and the scaling of digital enterprises form the backbone of this economic

transformation. Equally important is the **agricultural modernization agenda**, which includes investments in agri-tech, irrigation infrastructure, supply chain logistics, and farmer welfare to improve rural incomes and ensure food security.

The promotion of **entrepreneurship and start-ups**, particularly in tier 2 and tier 3 cities, aims to unlock grassroots innovation and generate employment. Skill development programs are being tailored to meet future industry demands, ensuring that India's vast youth population is not only employable but also globally competitive. Investment in infrastructure—roads, railways, ports, digital highways, and smart cities—is creating the physical and digital backbone required for accelerated growth. Simultaneously, strategic self-reliance in sectors like energy, defense, electronics, and semiconductors is being prioritized to reduce external dependencies and enhance economic sovereignty.

3.2 Environmental Sustainability: Leading with Green Growth and Climate Responsibility

In an age defined by climate disruption and ecological challenges, India's development model under **Viksit Bharat 2047** embeds **environmental sustainability at its core**. This pillar acknowledges that long-term progress cannot be achieved at the cost of environmental degradation and intergenerational inequity. India seeks to lead the global shift toward a greener and more responsible future by embracing policies that align economic development with ecological preservation.

The roadmap envisions a **low-carbon economy** powered by massive investments in renewable energy, including solar, wind, bioenergy, and emerging technologies like green hydrogen. Initiatives such as the **National Solar Mission**, **Green Hydrogen Mission**, and the **International Solar Alliance** position India as a climate leader on the world stage. Environmental goals

include expanding the forest cover, rejuvenating rivers and lakes, enhancing biodiversity conservation, and improving urban resilience through sustainable urban planning and green infrastructure.

Efforts to strengthen **waste management systems**, control air and water pollution, and promote energy efficiency in industries and households reflect a commitment to cleaner living environments. The approach encourages **decentralized environmental responsibility**, involving local communities, industries, and individuals in stewardship of natural resources. Through this, Viksit Bharat 2047 aims to balance growth imperatives with planetary boundaries, ensuring a future where economic ambition and ecological integrity coexist.

3.3 Social Progress: Empowering People and Advancing Equity

No nation can claim to be truly developed without ensuring **dignity, opportunity, and justice for all its citizens**. Social progress, therefore, forms a central pillar of the Viksit Bharat 2047 vision. It emphasizes the creation of an equitable society where the fruits of development are accessible to all, and where systemic barriers to inclusion are actively dismantled.

Central to this goal is **universal access to quality education and healthcare**. The transformative **National Education Policy (NEP) 2020** reimagines education to be skill-oriented, holistic, and future-ready—bridging the gap between academic knowledge and employability. Health initiatives like **Ayushman Bharat**, which provides health insurance to hundreds of millions, are reshaping healthcare delivery and financial protection. Investments in primary care, nutrition, maternal and

child health, mental health, and health tech are ensuring that the right to health is realized across demographics.

The vision also emphasizes **gender equality**, the **empowerment of youth**, and the **upliftment of marginalized communities**. Programs to improve digital literacy, financial inclusion, housing, and social security are being scaled up to bridge historical gaps. Special attention is being paid to tribal populations, persons with disabilities, senior citizens, and economically weaker sections, ensuring that no one is left behind in the growth story. The goal is to foster a society where **compassion, justice, and opportunity** are not ideals but everyday realities.

3.4 Good Governance: Enabling Institutions, Empowering Citizens

Good governance is not just a support system—it is the foundation upon which all successful development rests. The Viksit Bharat 2047 vision prioritizes the creation of a **citizen-centric, transparent,**

accountable, and efficient governance ecosystem that is both agile and future-ready.

Digitization is revolutionizing public service delivery through initiatives like the **JAM Trinity (Jan Dhan, Aadhaar, Mobile)**, **Digital India**, and **PM Gati Shakti**. These programs are making governance more accessible, responsive, and inclusive, especially for remote and underserved populations. The use of **emerging technologies** like artificial intelligence, blockchain, and big data is fostering evidence-based policymaking and enhancing administrative responsiveness.

Institutional reform is another key focus—ensuring the **independence, efficiency, and fairness** of the judiciary, law enforcement, and civil services. Electoral reforms, e-governance, and real-time grievance redressal systems are making democracy more participatory and accountable. Strengthening **federalism** by encouraging cooperative and competitive

dynamics between states is fostering innovation in governance across the country.

Ultimately, the vision is to cultivate a **government that earns the trust of its people**—one that listens, acts, and evolves. Through better coordination, policy coherence, and citizen participation, Viksit Bharat 2047 seeks to build an administrative system worthy of a truly developed and forward-looking India.

Together, these four pillars form the structural and philosophical foundation of a **new India**—one that is **ambitious yet compassionate, advanced yet sustainable, powerful yet just**. Viksit Bharat 2047 is not merely a target; it is a shared journey that calls for vision, effort, and unity at all levels of society.

CHAPTER 4

EXPECTED IMPACT

The successful realization of **Viksit Bharat 2047** is poised to catalyze one of the most profound and wide-ranging transformations in India's modern history. It promises to reshape the economic, social, environmental, and political landscape of the country, fundamentally altering how its citizens live, work, and interact with the world. More than a developmental blueprint, this vision represents a generational opportunity to elevate the quality of life for over 1.4 billion people, redefine India's global standing, and create a nation that is future-ready, equitable, and resilient. If pursued with strategic foresight, coordinated execution, and collective determination, the Viksit Bharat 2047 vision can usher in an era of unprecedented progress and prosperity.

1. Economic Transformation: The Rise of a Global Economic Powerhouse

At the heart of Viksit Bharat 2047 lies an ambitious but achievable economic agenda. India is projected to become one of the three largest economies in the world by 2047, with a **target GDP of \$30 trillion**. This transformation will not merely be about economic size but about **structural depth, competitiveness, and resilience**.

The Indian economy is expected to be characterized by a **multi-sectoral growth engine**, with significant contributions from manufacturing, services, agriculture, and the digital economy. High-value manufacturing will be driven by advanced robotics, AI integration, Industry 4.0 practices, and a renewed focus on domestic industrial capacity through initiatives like *Make in India*, *PLI (Production Linked Incentive) schemes*, and defense indigenization.

The **services sector**, already a global leader in IT and financial services, will expand into emerging fields such as fintech, health tech, ed-tech, green consulting, and global capability centers. Meanwhile, **agriculture will see a digital and technological revolution**—leveraging precision farming, agri-informatics, climate-smart practices, and market-linked reforms to enhance farmer income and ensure food security.

The emergence of **a robust digital economy**—powered by India's rapidly growing fintech infrastructure, digital public goods like UPI and Aadhaar, and a thriving start-up ecosystem—will create millions of high-quality jobs and enable financial inclusion at scale. The economy will be innovation-led, with substantial investments in R&D, design, and IP creation.

India's **demographic dividend** will be a key asset, with a young, skilled, and dynamic workforce integrated into formal employment and entrepreneurial ecosystems. This will be supported by reforms in

skilling, vocational training, labor mobility, and lifelong learning. At the same time, India's enhanced competitiveness in global value chains will lead to stronger trade relationships, greater exports, and a surge in **foreign direct investment (FDI)**, positioning the country as a **preferred global hub for investment, manufacturing, and services**.

The economic growth envisioned is not only about prosperity but also about **reducing inequality, expanding opportunity, and ensuring that development is inclusive and geographically balanced**—bridging the urban-rural divide and empowering aspirational districts.

2. Social Transformation: Building a Just, Inclusive, and Empowered Society

One of the most defining outcomes of Viksit Bharat 2047 will be the transformation of the **social fabric** of the nation. Economic progress alone cannot define a developed country; the true measure lies in the

quality of life, social equity, and access to opportunities for all.

The vision envisions a future where **poverty, hunger, illiteracy, and preventable diseases** become remnants of the past. Strong emphasis on **inclusive and equitable growth** will ensure that no citizen is left behind due to their caste, gender, religion, region, or socio-economic status.

Education and Human Capital

Universal access to **quality education** will be a foundational achievement. The full implementation of the **National Education Policy (NEP) 2020** will reshape India's education landscape—fostering critical thinking, creativity, multilingualism, and vocational skills. From early childhood care and foundational learning to higher education and research, the system will be modern, inclusive, and globally competitive. **Digital classrooms, AI-enabled learning platforms,** and cross-disciplinary curricula will ensure that every child,

regardless of location or background, has a fair shot at success.

Healthcare and Well-being

Healthcare outcomes will also witness a dramatic improvement. Programs like **Ayushman Bharat**, digital health IDs, and expanding health infrastructure will ensure **universal access to quality and affordable healthcare**. Investments in primary health, public health surveillance, nutrition, mental health, and pandemic preparedness will lead to healthier communities and reduced disease burden. Maternal and child health indicators are expected to reach developed-nation benchmarks, significantly improving life expectancy and well-being.

Gender Equality and Social Inclusion

Women will play a transformative role in Viksit Bharat. With greater access to education, healthcare, economic opportunity, and leadership roles, **gender**

parity will become a national reality rather than an aspiration. Increased female labor force participation, political representation, and entrepreneurial support will reshape the socio-economic landscape.

Marginalized communities, including Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, religious minorities, and persons with disabilities, will be integrated fully into the mainstream through affirmative action, targeted schemes, and social justice reforms. **Social harmony and cohesion**, based on mutual respect and shared national purpose, will be key tenets of a vibrant and inclusive democracy.

Youth Empowerment

India's youth—its largest and most energetic demographic—will be at the forefront of national transformation. From sports and the arts to science and civic leadership, young Indians will be nurtured to be global citizens and responsible nation-builders.

3. Environmental Renaissance: Championing Sustainability and Climate Leadership

Viksit Bharat 2047 envisions a country that leads the world not only in economic and technological terms but also in **climate action and environmental stewardship**. With climate change posing existential threats to humanity, India's development model will be reimagined to place **sustainability at the center**.

Renewable Energy and Low-Carbon Economy

By 2047, India aims to be among the global leaders in **renewable energy production and green technology deployment**. Through massive expansion in solar, wind, hydro, and emerging sectors like green hydrogen and energy storage, the country will significantly reduce its reliance on fossil fuels. Electrification of transportation, adoption of electric

vehicles, and a national shift to **smart energy grids** will support a **low-carbon transition**.

Climate Resilience and Resource Efficiency

Environmental policies will integrate **climate resilience across all sectors**—from agriculture and water management to urban planning and coastal protection. **Smart cities** will prioritize walkability, green infrastructure, waste recycling, and low-emission transport systems. Sustainable farming practices will ensure both food security and soil health.

India will also become a global exemplar in **circular economy principles**, promoting reuse, recycling, and reduced resource intensity. Through strategic regulations and citizen participation, **air and water quality will significantly improve**, especially in megacities and industrial zones.

Conservation and Ecological Restoration

A major thrust will be placed on the **restoration of degraded ecosystems**, expansion of forest cover, revival of rivers and lakes, and preservation of biodiversity hotspots. Community-led conservation efforts and indigenous knowledge will play a vital role in achieving environmental goals.

India's leadership in global climate forums will further solidify, positioning the country as a **moral and technological leader in the fight against climate change**.

4. Governance Revolution: Building a Citizen-Centric, Technology-Enabled State

Effective governance is the glue that binds vision to action. Under Viksit Bharat 2047, India will undergo a deep and comprehensive **governance transformation**—moving toward a state that is **more accountable, efficient, transparent, and citizen-focused**.

Digital Governance and Service Delivery

Digitization will be the hallmark of governance. The **Digital India** mission, along with platforms like **Jan Dhan, Aadhaar, and Mobile (JAM)**, will evolve into a fully integrated, seamless **digital governance ecosystem**. Services ranging from education, health, welfare, and taxation to grievance redressal will be delivered via **AI-driven platforms**, ensuring efficiency and inclusion.

Transparent, Accountable Institutions

Anti-corruption measures, open data platforms, and real-time monitoring systems will enhance public trust. Policy decisions will be increasingly **evidence-based**, relying on big data analytics and AI for insights. Citizens will enjoy greater access to information and mechanisms for holding institutions accountable.

Decentralization and Participatory Democracy

India's federal structure will be strengthened through **cooperative and competitive federalism**, empowering states and local bodies to innovate and deliver tailored solutions. **Panchayati Raj institutions** and **urban local bodies** will be given greater fiscal and administrative autonomy, enabling grassroots governance.

Citizen participation will be central to democracy—through digital consultations, social audits, and active civic engagement. Judicial reforms, police modernization, and speedy dispute resolution mechanisms will ensure that **the rule of law is accessible and effective**.

5. India's Global Emergence: A Confident and Responsible World Leader

Perhaps the most transformative outcome of Viksit Bharat 2047 will be the **elevation of India's global stature**. From being seen as a developing nation with

untapped potential, India will emerge as a **confident, assertive, and respected global power.**

India's **soft power**, rooted in its ancient civilizational ethos, diversity, and democratic values, will gain greater recognition. Its **leadership in multilateral platforms**, such as the G20, United Nations, BRICS, and QUAD, will be strengthened by a proven track record of development, peace diplomacy, and sustainable growth.

India will be a **net exporter of solutions**—offering affordable healthcare, frugal innovations, digital public infrastructure, green technologies, and scalable governance models to the Global South. As a **knowledge economy and technological powerhouse**, India will contribute to shaping international norms in AI ethics, cybersecurity, space exploration, and global trade.

Most importantly, India's rise will be **rooted in responsibility**—championing causes like **climate justice, equitable development, peace, pluralism, and**

human dignity. As the world navigates complex challenges, India will be both **a moral compass and a pragmatic leader**—defining the future of global cooperation.

CHAPTER 5

CHALLENGES AND THE ROAD AHEAD

While the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047 is both inspiring and transformative, it is important to acknowledge that the path toward its realization is fraught with challenges. India's size, diversity, and complexity mean that development must address multiple layers of disparity—geographical, economic, social, and technological. Achieving such an ambitious goal will require sustained political will, robust institutional capacity, and the active participation of all stakeholders in society.

One of the foremost challenges lies in managing inequality and ensuring that the growth story is truly inclusive. Despite rapid economic expansion, disparities between urban and rural regions, among states, and across different socio-economic groups remain stark.

Millions of Indians still lack access to basic services such as clean drinking water, electricity, quality healthcare, and education. Bridging these gaps while fostering rapid modernization is a delicate balancing act that demands targeted policy interventions, localized solutions, and effective monitoring mechanisms.

Another major challenge is the need to create employment opportunities at a scale that matches the demands of India's young and rapidly growing population. While the demographic dividend is a powerful advantage, it could become a liability if large segments of the population remain unemployed or underemployed. Skill development programs, educational reforms, and the growth of labor-intensive industries must all accelerate in tandem to ensure that youth are adequately prepared for the evolving demands of the workforce.

Environmental degradation and climate vulnerability also pose serious risks to the vision of a

developed India. Rising pollution levels, water scarcity, and increasingly frequent extreme weather events highlight the urgent need for environmental resilience. As India strives for industrial growth and urban expansion, it must simultaneously invest in green technologies, climate adaptation, and sustainable natural resource management. These efforts require not just government intervention, but active participation from businesses and citizens in adopting more sustainable practices.

Governance remains a crucial enabler as well as a challenge. Despite progress in digitization and transparency, issues like bureaucratic inertia, corruption, and fragmented implementation continue to hinder the effectiveness of public services. Strengthening institutional accountability, promoting decentralization, and fostering a culture of evidence-based policymaking will be essential to improve the responsiveness and efficiency of governance at all levels.

Finally, geopolitical uncertainties and global economic volatility present external challenges that India must prepare for. As the world becomes more interconnected and yet more fragmented, India must navigate its foreign policy with strategic agility, protect its economic interests, and ensure resilience in critical sectors such as health, energy, food, and defense.

The road ahead requires consistent and visionary leadership, long-term policy continuity, and a shared sense of national purpose. Central and state governments must work collaboratively, the private sector must act responsibly and innovatively, and civil society must continue to hold institutions accountable while contributing to community development. Most importantly, citizens must see themselves as active participants in shaping the future, not just beneficiaries of progress. The mission of Viksit Bharat 2047 will succeed only if it is embraced by all Indians as a

collective national journey—one that combines
ambition with compassion, and aspiration with action.

CONCLUSION

Viksit Bharat 2047 represents more than just a development plan—it is a national vision, a generational mission, and a collective call to action. As India approaches the centenary of its independence, this vision encapsulates the hopes and aspirations of a billion people for a future defined by prosperity, justice, dignity, and pride. It seeks to build an India that not only achieves high levels of economic growth but also ensures that such growth is inclusive, equitable, and sustainable. From modern infrastructure and cutting-edge technology to empowered citizens and ecological responsibility, Viksit Bharat 2047 lays the foundation for a future where development is not measured merely by GDP figures, but by the quality of life, the strength of institutions, and the unity of the nation.

This journey demands more than policy reforms and government schemes—it requires a cultural shift in how development is perceived and pursued. It asks every citizen to become an active stakeholder in the nation's progress, contributing through innovation, participation, accountability, and service. It urges institutions to rise above short-term goals and work toward long-term national interest, and it calls upon leaders at every level to act with vision, integrity, and purpose.

India's trajectory over the past seven decades has demonstrated its resilience, adaptability, and capacity for transformation. The foundations of democracy, diversity, and civilizational wisdom have carried the country forward even in times of uncertainty. With Viksit Bharat 2047, India now stands at the threshold of its next great leap—toward becoming a developed nation that leads by example and uplifts not just its own

people but also contributes meaningfully to the global community.

Ultimately, the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047 is a promise—one that honors the sacrifices of the past, responds to the demands of the present, and aspires to the dreams of the future. It is a journey of transformation, guided by purpose and driven by the people. If pursued with unity, discipline, and determination, it holds the potential to define the 21st century as India's century.

ANNEXURES

Annexure A: Key Policy Frameworks Supporting Viksit Bharat 2047

- This annexure provides a brief overview of the major national policies and flagship schemes that align with and support the objectives of Viksit Bharat 2047:
- National Education Policy (NEP) 2020: Aims to overhaul the Indian education system to make it more inclusive, multidisciplinary, and skill-based.
- PM Gati Shakti Yojana: A multi-modal infrastructure development program that integrates planning and implementation across ministries.
- National Green Hydrogen Mission: Supports the development of clean fuel alternatives to reduce carbon emissions.

- **Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan:** A campaign to promote self-reliance in critical economic sectors such as manufacturing, defense, and digital infrastructure.
- **Jal Jeevan Mission:** Seeks to provide piped drinking water to every rural household by 2024.

Annexure B: Economic Projections and Data Tables

- The following projections illustrate the envisioned economic growth under Viksit Bharat 2047:
- **GDP Growth Projection:** From approximately \$3.7 trillion in 2025 to \$30 trillion by 2047.
- **Per Capita Income Projection:** From \$2,600 in 2025 to approximately \$17,000–\$20,000 by 2047.
- **Employment Generation:** 200 million new formal jobs targeted across sectors.

- Renewable Energy Capacity: 500 GW projected by 2030.
- Urbanization Rate: Expected to reach 50% by 2047.

Annexure C: Timeline of Strategic Programs (2023–2047)

- 2023–2027: Infrastructure expansion (roads, railways, logistics hubs); youth skilling programs scaled.
- 2027–2035: Major shifts to clean energy; education reforms under NEP fully implemented.
- 2035–2040: High-speed rail and smart city connectivity; AI and quantum tech maturity.
- 2040–2047: Final leg of development—India positioned as a global leader in manufacturing, sustainability, and governance innovation.

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GLOSSARY

Glossary of Terms and Acronyms

- Atmanirbhar Bharat – Self-reliant India initiative aimed at boosting domestic manufacturing and reducing import dependency.
- NEP – National Education Policy, a comprehensive education reform framework introduced in 2020.
- PM Gati Shakti – Prime Minister’s Infrastructure Master Plan integrating multiple ministries for faster execution.
- MY Bharat – Mera Yuva Bharat, an initiative to engage youth in nation-building.
- GDP – Gross Domestic Product, the total market value of goods and services produced in a country.
- AI – Artificial Intelligence, the simulation of human intelligence in machines.

- JAM Trinity – Jan Dhan, Aadhaar, and Mobile, a digital infrastructure for service delivery and financial inclusion.

Viksit Bharat 2047 isn't just a policy roadmap—it's a national awakening. As India approaches the centenary of its independence, this powerful vision charts a transformative journey toward becoming a fully developed, self-reliant, and globally influential nation. More than GDP numbers or infrastructure milestones, this book explores an ambitious yet grounded blueprint for a future where progress is inclusive, growth is sustainable, and every citizen is empowered. It dives deep into the pillars of economic innovation, social equity, environmental stewardship, technological leadership, and democratic resilience that form the foundation of the Viksit Bharat dream. Drawing on India's immense potential—its vibrant youth, digital revolution, democratic depth, and civilizational wisdom—Viksit Bharat 2047 presents a holistic framework for collaborative governance, visionary policy, and grassroots participation. Whether you're a policymaker, academic, entrepreneur, student, or citizen, this book invites you to be more than a spectator—to be a participant in shaping India's most consequential transformation. The future is not something we await. It is something we build—together. Welcome to the movement. Welcome to Viksit Bharat

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