

# 2022 a wonderful year for Indian economy: PM

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**NEW DELHI:** The country made several gains in the year 2022, including becoming the world's fifth largest economy, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said in his Mann Ki Baat radio broadcast on Sunday.

In his last monthly address of the year, Modi said the country has carved a "special place" for itself in the world.

"The year 2022 was wonderful, India completed 75 years of Independence while 'Amrit Kaal' began. India progressed rapidly and became the world's fifth-largest economy," he said.

The country achieved the record of administering 2.2 billion vaccines and crossed \$400 billion in exports, the PM said, hailing the country's economic success.

The country adopted and lived its resolution of self-reliant India and welcomed its first indigenous aircraft carrier INS Vikrant and also attained glory in space, drone and defence sectors in the year, he said.

"In 2022, the strength of people of the country, their cooperation, their resolve, their vast success was of such magnitude that it would be difficult to include all of those in Mann Ki Baat. 2022 has indeed been very inspiring and wonderful in many ways," he said.

This year the country gained a new momentum, the PM said.

INS Vikrant, built at a cost of around ₹20,000 crore, successfully completed its fourth and

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi pays tribute to former PM Atal Bihari Vajpayee on his birth anniversary, at Sadaiv Atal in New Delhi on Sunday.

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## 'Covid cases up in many nations, be vigilant': Modi in year's last radio talk

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**NEW DELHI:** With uncertainty looming over how the Covid-19 situation could unfold in India amid a surge in cases in some countries, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday asked people to stay vigilant and take precautions against the virus.

In his monthly Mann Ki Baat radio address, Modi said people going on vacation during Christ-

mas and the New Year must follow protocols such as wearing masks and sanitising hands. His comments came days after he chaired a high-level meeting to review the government's preparedness to deal with Covid-19.

States should make sure they are prepared with adequate medical resources, officials must ramp up testing and genome sequencing, people should wear masks and take precautions ahead of the festival season, and

the booster doses gap must be bridged, the Prime Minister said at the meeting on Thursday.

The meeting came amid a spike in some parts of the world, particularly China, where large parts of the population does not have a previous exposure or adequate protection through vaccination, though experts have pointed out that there is no cause for alarm in India, where the population has significantly higher baseline immunity.