

ESSAY COMPETITION

ATMANIRBHAR BHARAT

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Atmanirbhar Bharat (transl. self-reliant India) is the vision of the Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi of making India a self-reliant nation. The first mention of this came in the form of the 'Atma Nirbhar Bharata Abhiyan' or 'Self-Reliant India Mission' during the announcement of the coronavirus pandemic related economic package on 12 May 2020. This self-reliant policy does not aim to be protectionist in nature and as the Finance Minister clarified, "self-reliant India does not mean cutting off from rest of the world". The law and IT minister, Ravi Shankar Prasad, said that self-reliance does "not mean isolating away from the world. Foreign direct investment is welcome, technology is welcome self-reliant India... translates to being a bigger and more important part of the global economy."

As part of the Atma Nirbhar Bharat package, numerous government decisions have taken place such as changing the definition of MSMEs, boosting scope for private participation in numerous sectors, increasing FDI in the defence sector; and the vision has found support in many sectors such as the solar manufacturers sector.

Examples of initiatives helping Atma Nirbhar Bharat:

The growth of India's personal protective equipment (PPE) sector from zero before March, to 1,50,000 pieces a day by the beginning of May, is considered as a fine example of a self-reliant India. The PPE industry in India has become a ₹7,000 crore (US\$980 million) in two months, the second largest after China.

The largest fund in the country worth ₹21,000 crore (US\$2.9 billion) was setup by the IIT Alumni Council with the aim of supporting the mission towards self-reliance.

India's own 'Made in India' 5G network was also announced in July 2020 by Reliance Jio.[11] Mukesh Ambani announced in mid-July "Jio has created a complete 5G solution from scratch, that will enable us to launch a world-class 5G service in India, using 100 per cent homegrown technologies and solutions".

In August 2020, the Defence Minister Rajnath Singh announced that the Defence Ministry is "now ready for a big push to Atma Nirbhar Bharat initiative" by imposing an "import embargo on 101 items" in a staged manner over a period of 5 years.