

## Every Indian village now has electricity

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All villages in India now have electricity. India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi made the announcement on Monday. He said the final village in the country to get

electricity was the remote Leisang village in the state of Manipur. The village was connected to the grid on Sunday. Electrification of all villages in India was one of the government's biggest promises. Mr Modi thanked everyone involved in the electrification project. He tweeted: "April 28, 2018 will be remembered as a historic day in the development journey of India...We fulfilled a commitment, due to which, the lives of...Indians will be transformed forever. I am delighted that every single village of India now has access to electricity."

In 2015, PM Modi promised he would give 18,000 villages access to electricity for the first time. Mr Modi said a village is electrified when it has the basic power lines and 10 per cent of houses and public places (including schools, administrative offices and health centres) have power. While Mr Modi is happy with the progress made, many people say there is a lot more work to be done. The World Bank says 200 million Indians still lack access to electricity. The "India Today" newspaper found that many villages still lacked electricity. One villager told its reporters: "The darkness creates a big problem for the village as it is frequented by elephants."

Sources: [indianexpress.com](http://indianexpress.com) / [indiatoday.in](http://indiatoday.in) / [bbc.com](http://bbc.com)

## Writing

Electricity is the most important thing for a village to have. Discuss.

## Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

electricity / announcement / village / connected / promise / historic day / development / basic / power / schools / health centres / happy / progress / darkness / elephants

## True / False

- A village in the capital Delhi was the last Indian village to get power. T / F
- Electrification was an election promise from India's government. T / F
- India's leader said April 28 was a historic day for world energy. T / F
- India's leader said he would never be happy. T / F
- India's leader promised to give access to electricity to 18,000 villages. T / F
- Mr Modi said a village is electrified when 10% of buildings have power. T / F
- Around 200 million Indians are still without power. T / F
- A villager said elephants visit his village during daylight hours. T / F

## Synonym Match

(The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

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|------------------------|----------------|
| 1. <b>announcement</b> | a. linked      |
| 2. <b>final</b>        | b. primary     |
| 3. <b>connected</b>    | c. use of      |
| 4. <b>promises</b>     | d. visited     |
| 5. <b>access to</b>    | e. pledges     |
| 6. <b>basic</b>        | f. was without |
| 7. <b>progress</b>     | g. statement   |
| 8. <b>lacked</b>       | h. makes       |
| 9. <b>creates</b>      | i. last        |
| 10. <b>frequented</b>  | j. advances    |

## Discussion – Student A

- How important is electricity?
- Why has it taken India so long to give all villages electricity?
- What would it be like to live in a remote village?
- Does your government always keep its promises?
- What historic days has your country had recently?
- What has transformed your life?
- Would you prefer to live in a village or in a city?
- What are the bad things about electricity?

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## Phrase Match

1. Modi made the
  2. The village was
  3. Mr Modi thanked
  4. We fulfilled
  5. every
  6. access to electricity
  7. basic power
  8. happy with the progress
  9. 200 million Indians still
  10. it is frequented
- a. everyone involved
  - b. a commitment
  - c. made
  - d. connected to the grid
  - e. by elephants
  - f. announcement on Monday
  - g. lack access
  - h. lines
  - i. single village of India
  - j. for the first time

## Discussion – Student B

- a) What do you think about what you read?
- b) What would we do without electricity?
- c) How is electricity made?
- d) Have you ever experienced a power cut?
- e) What is the most useful electrical appliance?
- f) What would you do if elephants frequently visited your neighbourhood?
- g) What problems can darkness cause?
- h) What questions would you like to ask Narendra Modi?

## Spelling

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### Answers – Synonym Match

1. g	2. i	3. a	4. e	5. c
6. b	7. j	8. f	9. h	10. d

## Role Play

### Role A – Education

You think progress in education is the most important aim. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their aims. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): democracy, technology or environmental issues.

### Role B – Democracy

You think democracy is the most important aim. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their aims. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): education, technology or environmental issues.

### Role C – Technology

You think progress in technology is the most important aim. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their aims. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): democracy, education or environmental issues.

### Role D – The Environment

You think progress in environmental issues is the most important aim. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their aims. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): democracy, technology or education.

## Speaking – Progress

Rank these with your partner. Put the most necessary things to progress at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- healthcare
- technology
- the Internet
- respect
- education
- human rights
- electrification
- democracy

### Answers – True False

a	F	b	T	c	F	d	F	e	T	f	T	g	T	h	F
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Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.