

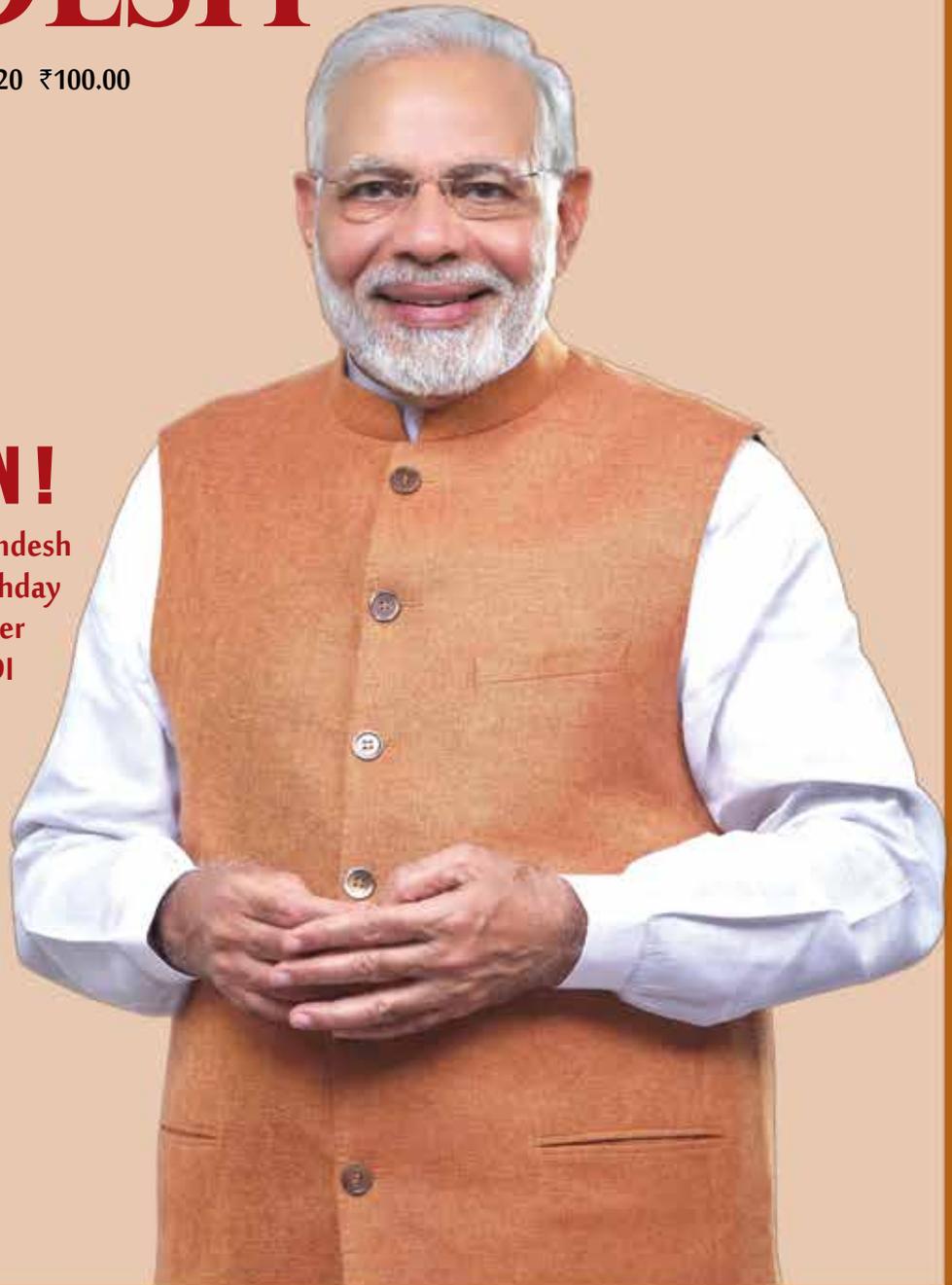
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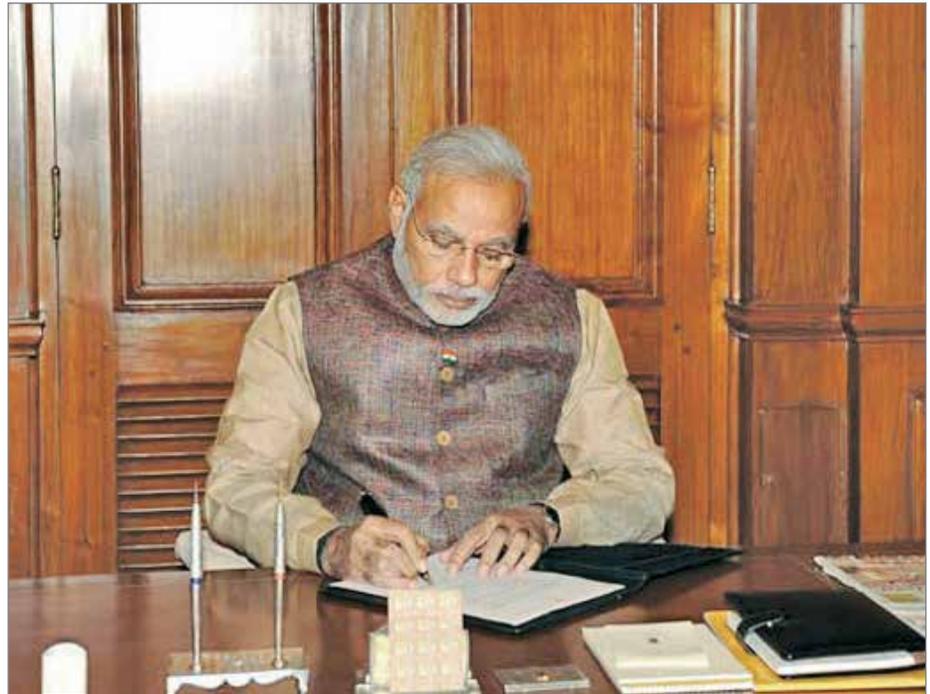
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EDITORIAL



A 'New India' is rising under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi which is ready to convert every challenge into an opportunity. It is the result of the visionary and dynamic leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi that India is today marching ahead on the path of an 'Aatmnirbhar Bharat'. Under the leadership of Shri Narendra Modi we are seeing an India which is confident of its strength, has faith in its future and full of hope and expectations, an India which is uncompromising and unyielding, an India which stands united and decides together. It seems as if a realization has dawned on the people that India's time has come as millions of hands join with full strength in the glory of Maa Bharati.

As Shri Narendra Modi took the oath of office of the prime minister of India, the dawn of a new era in politics has started in the country. The new era can be seen as the arrival of the politics of performance, good governance and development. It is an era which is based on the mantra of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas' with the aim of making 'Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat'. It is an era which is set to realise the goals of 'Antyodaya' and committed to the upliftment of the poorest of the poor as its first priority. It is an era which has its focus on SCs, STs, women and youth as the fulcrum of all round economic development of the country. It also signifies an era where rural sector is prioritised and agricultural economy is modernised, where farmers and labourers are facilitated with innovative measures ensuring their overall advancement in every walk of life. It is an era of massive infrastructure development with an eye on India of future, which is advanced in every sector, developed and strong. The swearing in of the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has unfolded an era wherein the dream of a New India is set to be realised.

The massive mandate in favour of BJP led NDA in 2014 and 2019 are the result of hard work and visionary leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi who rescued India from the quagmire of corruption, policy paralysis, misgovernance and economic slowdown with high rates of inflation and burgeoning budget deficit of Congress led UPA era. The nation saw a hope in the leadership of Shri Narendra Modi and gave him a decisive mandate with BJP getting majority on its own in Lok Sabha elections 2014. It was the first time after around three decades that a single party was given full majority on its own in by the people of India. It was the five years of positive approach, persistence and perseverance, innovative ideas and result oriented policies while heralding a new work culture in governance, restoration of institutional mechanism, timely actions and sometime tough decisions that helped in restoring credibility of the government. The impact of the commitment of the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi to the nation was seen in a corruption free government which was able to deliver the fruits of welfare programmes directly to the poorest of the poor even in the remotest part of the country. It was for the first time that the last men in the society became direct beneficiary of the government



welfare projects and his basic needs were addressed in the form of pucca houses, free electricity connections, gas cylinders, toilets, bank accounts and other basic amenities while bringing him under social security net and providing health security cover upto five lac to 10 crore families. There is no doubt that as Shri Narendra Modi had dedicated his government to the poorest of the poor, SCs, STs, oppressed and exploited in his first speech after getting elected as leader of NDA parliamentary party in 2014, he not only lived upto his commitment but even went beyond all the expectations – the result is the massive mandate, even bigger than 2014, in the form of the blessings of the poorest of the poor of the country who voted rising above caste, region and religious divisions while ensuring that India remains in the safe hands for a glorious future in the days to come.

The massive mandate of 2019 has not only reposed massive trust on the Modi government but also enhanced responsibilities to carry forward the hopes and expectations of the largest democracy of the world. It is the result of the massive trust that along with many historic decisions, Article 370 stands revoked and the construction of Shri Ram Temple has started. While even the most developed countries were badly affected by Covid-19 pandemic, India stood united under the charismatic leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ensuring all kinds of security to the poorest of the poor. The challenges of the pandemic are being met with the determination to make India self-reliant through 'Aatmnirbhar Bharat' campaign having a special package of more than 20 lakh crore.

The rise of Shri Narendra Modi has infused new energy and enthusiasm into the Indian nation. The visionary Shri Narendra Modi has the resolve of a clean, healthy, inclusive and Self-reliant India in mind. In his vision, there is an image of glorious, developed and magnificent India. While on the one hand he is committed to enhance the standard of living of the poorest of the poor, on the other hand as an adept administrator, he recognized and abolished the useless and obsolete practices that had become redundant while heralding a new work culture in the system.

September 17, 2020 is the birthday of our respected and beloved Prime Minister. This year he completes 70 years of his life. It is also the time to celebrate and be inspired by his life and thoughts.

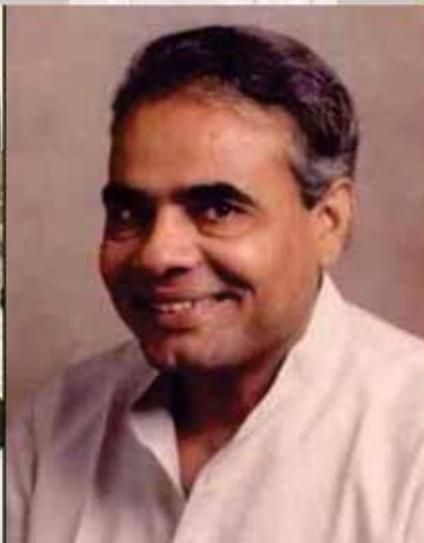
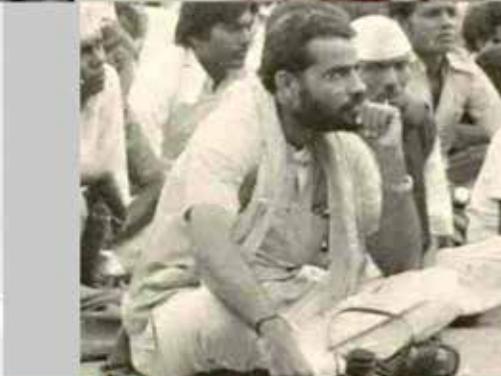
The achievements of Shri Narendra Modi as the Prime Minister are so huge that even if only significant achievements are to be discussed, massive volumes will have to be compiled. It is extremely difficult to cover his huge achievements in a single issue. Even then, the Kamal Sandesh team has tried to bring some aspects of his personality and achievements before our esteemed readers.

On our request BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda, Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh Shri Yogi Adityanath and Chief Minister of Assam Shri Sarbanand Sonowal have obliged us by contributing their articles in a very short time for this issue. In this special issue of Kamal Sandesh, focussed on personality and achievements of Shri Narendra Modi, we are publishing some aspects of his life, important points from his Address to the Nation from the Ramparts of the Red Fort and some selected speeches. Along with these, we are publishing 70 historic decisions, pictographical journey, global recognitions and introduction of some of his literary works.

We extend our greetings to Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi through this special issue which is published on his 70th birthday and wish for his healthy, glorious and long life. ■

- Dr. Shiv Shakti Bakshi

AN INTRODUCTION





Shri Narendra Modi was sworn-in as India's Prime Minister on 30th May 2019, marking the start of his second term in office. The first ever Prime Minister to be born after Independence, Shri Modi has previously served as the Prime Minister of India from 2014 to 2019. He also has the distinction of being the longest serving Chief Minister of Gujarat with his term spanning from October 2001 to May 2014.

In the 2014 and 2019 Parliamentary elections, Shri Modi led the Bharatiya Janata Party to record wins, securing absolute majority on both occasions. The last time that a political party secured such an absolute majority was in the elections of 1984.

Inspired by the motto of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas', Shri Modi has ushered in a paradigm shift in governance that has led to inclusive, development-oriented and corruption-free governance. The Prime Minister has worked with speed and scale to realise the aim of Antyodaya, ensuring last-mile delivery of schemes and services.

Leading international agencies have noted that under the leadership of PM Shri Narendra Modi, India has been eliminating poverty at record pace. This is attributed to a series of pro-poor decisions taken by the Central Government.

Today, India is home to

the world's largest healthcare programme, Ayushman Bharat. Covering over 50 crore Indians, Ayushman Bharat provides top quality and affordable healthcare to the poor and neo-middle class.

The Lancet, considered among the most prestigious health journals in the world has lauded Ayushman Bharat, stating that this scheme attends to the larger discontent about the health sector in India. The journal also noted PM Modi's efforts to prioritise universal health coverage.

In a first, over 42 crore people associated with the unorganised sector now have pension coverage under the 'Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Man Dhan Yojana'. During the very first Cabinet Meeting after the 2019 election results, a similar pension scheme for traders was announced as well.

Understanding that financial exclusion was a bane for the poor, the Prime Minister launched the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana, that aimed at opening bank accounts for every Indian. Now, over 40 crore Jan Dhan accounts have been opened. These accounts have not only banked the unbanked but also opened the doors for other avenues of empowerment.

Going a step ahead of Jan Dhan, Shri Modi emphasised on Jan Suraksha, by giving insurance

and pension cover to the most vulnerable sections of society. The JAM trinity (Jan Dhan- Aadhaar- Mobile) has led to elimination of middle men and ensured transparency and speed, powered by technology.

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The Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana, launched in 2016 provides free cooking gas connections to the poor. It has proven to be a major game-changer in providing smoke-free kitchens to over 7 crore beneficiaries, most of whom are women.

18,000 villages that were without electricity even after 70 long years of Independence have been electrified.

Shri Modi believes that no Indian should be homeless and to realise this vision, over 1.25 crore houses have been built till now. The pace of house construction remains as quick to fulfil the PM's vision of 'Housing for All' by 2022.

Agriculture is a sector that is very close to Shri Narendra Modi. During the interim budget of 2019, the Government announced a monetary incentive for farmers called the PM Kisan Samman Nidhi. In almost three weeks, on 24th February 2019, the scheme was launched and instalments



have been paid regularly since then. During the first Cabinet Meeting of PM Modi's second term, it was decided to extend the PM Kisan benefits to all farmers, removing the 5 acre limit that was present earlier. With this, the Government of India would be devoting almost Rs. 90,000 crore per year for farmer welfare.

Shri Modi has also focused path-breaking initiatives for agriculture ranging from Soil Health Cards, E-NAM for better markets and a renewed focus on irrigation. On 30th May 2019, PM Modi fulfilled a major promise by creating a new Jal Shakti Ministry to cater to all aspects relating to water resources.

On 2nd October 2014, Mahatma Gandhi's Birth Anniversary, the PM launched 'Swachh Bharat Mission' a mass movement for cleanliness across the nation. The scale and impact of the movement is historic. Today, India has been declared Open Defecation Free (ODF). Substantive measures been taken for a clean Ganga.

The World Health Organisation has appreciated the Swachh Bharat Mission and has opined that it would save three lakh lives.

Shri Modi believes that transportation is an important means towards transformation. That is why, the Government of India has been working to create next-generation infrastructure be it in terms of more highways, railways, i-ways and waterways. The UDAN (Ude Desh Ka Aam

Nagrik) Scheme has made aviation sector more people-friendly and boosted connectivity.

PM Shri Modi launched the 'Make in India' initiative to turn India into an international manufacturing powerhouse. This effort has led to transformative results. For instance, the number of mobile manufacturing units has risen from 2 in 2014 to 122 in 2019. India has made significant strides in 'Ease of Doing Business', improving its ranking from 142 in



2014 to 77 in 2019. The Government of India rolled out the GST during a historic session of Parliament in 2017, which has realised the dream of 'One Nation, One Tax.'

During his tenure, special attention has been paid to India's rich history and culture. on 05 August, 2020 he has laid the foundation stone of Shri Ram Temple in Ayodhya. India is home to the world's largest statue, the State of Unity, a fitting tribute to

Sardar Patel. This Statue was built through a special mass movement where tools of farmers and soil from all states and Union Territories of India were used, signifying the spirit of 'Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat.' The revocation of Article 370, enactment of CAA and passing of strong law against Triple Talaq have been hailed by the people of India as historic.

PM Shri Modi is deeply passionate about environmental causes. He has time and again called for closing of ranks to create a clean and green planet. As Chief Minister of Gujarat, Shri Modi created a separate Climate Change Department to create innovative solutions to climate change. This spirit was seen in the 2015 COP21 Summit in Paris where PM Modi played a key role in the high-level deliberations.

Going a step ahead of climate change, PM Modi has talked about climate justice. In 2018, Heads of State and Government from several nations came to India for the launch of the International Solar Alliance, an innovative effort to harness solar energy for a better planet.

Recognising his efforts towards environmental conservation, PM Shri Modi was honoured with the United Nations 'Champions of the Earth Award.'

Fully sensitive to the fact that climate change has made our planet prone to natural disasters, Shri Modi has brought a new approach to disaster management, harnessing the



power of technology and the strength of human resources. As Chief Minister, he transformed Gujarat that had just been ravaged by a devastating earthquake on 26th January 2001. Likewise, he introduced new systems to combat floods and droughts in Gujarat that were internationally lauded.

Through administrative reforms, Shri Modi has always given priority to justice for citizens. In Gujarat, he spearheaded the start of evening courts to ensure people's issues are resolved. At the Centre, he began PRAGATI ((Pro-Active Governance And Timely Implementation) to expedite pending projects that were delaying growth.

Shri Modi's foreign policy initiatives have realised the true potential and role of world's largest democracy. He began his first term in office in presence of all Heads of States

of SAARC Nations and invited BIMSTEC leaders at the start of the second. His address to the General Assembly of United Nations was appreciated across the world. Shri Modi became the first Indian Prime Minister to embark on a bilateral visit to Nepal after a long period of 17 years, to Australia after 28 years, to Fiji after 31 years and UAE as well as Seychelles after 34 years. Since taking over, Shri Modi attended UN, BRICS, SAARC and G-20 Summits, where India's interventions and views on a variety of global economic and political issues were widely appreciated.

PM Shri Narendra Modi has been conferred various honours including the highest civilian honour of Saudi Arabia Sash of King Abdulaziz. Shri Modi has been also been conferred the top awards of Russia (The Order of the Holy Apostle Andrew the First), Palestine (Grand Collar of the State of Palestine), Afghanistan (Amir Amanullah Khan Award), UAE (Zayed Medal) and Maldives (Rule of Nishan Izzuddeen). In 2018, PM received the prestigious Seoul Peace Prize for his contribution to peace and development.

Shri Narendra Modi's



clarion call for marking a day as 'International Day of Yoga' received an overwhelming response at the UN. In a first, a total of 177 Nations across the world came together and passed the resolution to declare 21st June as the 'International Day of Yoga at the UN.'

Shri Modi was born on 17 September, 1950, in a small town in Gujarat. His family belonged to the 'other backward class' which is among the marginalised sections of society. He grew up in a poor but loving family 'without a spare rupee'. The initial hardships of life not only taught the value of hard

work but also exposed him to the avoidable sufferings of the common people. This inspired him from a very young age to immerse himself in service of people and the nation. In his initial years, he worked with the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS), a nationalist organisation devoted to nation building and later devoted himself in politics working with the Bharatiya Janata Party organization at National and State level. Shri Modi completed his MA in political science from Gujarat University.

Shri Narendra Modi is a 'People's

Leader', dedicated to solving their problems and improving their well-being. Nothing is more satisfying to him than being amongst the people, sharing their joys and alleviating their sorrows. His powerful 'personal connect' with the people on ground is complemented by a strong online presence.

He is known as India's

most techno-savvy leader, using the web to reach people and bring about change in their lives. He is very active on social media platforms including Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Sound Cloud, LinkedIn, Weibo and other forums.

Beyond politics, Shri Narendra Modi enjoys writing. He has authored several books, including poetry. He begins his day with Yoga, which strengthens his body and mind and instills the power of calmness in an otherwise fast-paced routine. ■

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NARENDRA MODI - AN EPITOME OF INDIA'S FAITH AND HOPE



**JAGAT PRAKASH
NADDA**

Under the visionary leadership of our Pardhan Sevak and Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modiji, India is moving forward with conviction and commitment on national and international fora to solve issues related to common people. Shri Narendra Modi ji is epitome of India's faith and hope. The pledge with which the Bharatiya Janata Party was formed, the issues the party has been consistently vocal about and stood by since its inception, and the daunting tasks taken up by saintly figures like Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee, Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay and Atal Bihari Vajpayeeji saw light of the day due to untiring efforts of Modiji.

In fact, when Shri Narendra Modi took over as Prime Minister after his historic victory in 2014, the conditions were not very favorable in India. During the long tenure of the 10-year Congress-led UPA government, there was complete policy paralysis and organized loot of public fund and corruption in highest echelons of power. The

benefits of the government policies were not reaching the people at the lowest rung of the society. It was not that the Congress had no knowledge of such harsh realities of the system functioning under its patronage and protection, but that the Congress government chose to remain silent and colluded with the middlemen. Perhaps, the real interest and welfare of the people was not among its priorities.

Poor decision making and lax leadership had made India's position very vulnerable in the global world order. The world's largest democracy was not receiving the respect and attention in accordance with its status in the comity of nations.

Even before he was sworn-in as Prime Minister on 26th May 2014, Shri Narendra Modi had chalked out a strategy to bring the world's largest democracy into an effective role at the world stage. Accordingly, all the SAARC heads of states were invited to his swearing-in ceremony. Our relations with our





neighbors were continuously on decline, but now each one of us is aware about the efforts of the Prime Minister in making them normal and warm. In light of the immortal words of revered Atalji, 'Friends can be changed, but neighbors cannot', India not only made efforts to revive friendship with the neighbors, but the entire world is witness to the way India remains committed towards its relations with warmth and respect. On the decade old policy of Pakistan, Pakistan has seen India's old way of dealing with it and new responses. Today, on the situation on the border with China, the country has unwavering faith in the leadership of Modi. As a result, India's effective and strong stand vis- a- vis can be seen, making it

realize that India is now moving ahead with the self-confidence and self-respect and interests of citizens and nation cannot be compromised. Prime Minister Shri Modi has given this high morale to the country.

Earlier the sole aim of political parties was to remain permanently in power, but now one can witness a sea change in the polity of India. Coming out

of the mindset of the vote bank and appeasement politics, the focus is now on nation's holistic development and accountable governance where people are the nucleus and central aspect of all policies. Development policies are now need based, and not on the basis of region, class or individual aspirations. Abrogation of Article 370 got credence to the idea that all

citizens and regions of the country are equal and to be treated equally. Our revered Dr Syama Prasad Mukherjee sacrificed his life on the altar for this idea. The dream of building a grand Shri Ram Mandir in Ayodhya was also made possible due to relentless efforts of the Modi government. The archaic custom of Triple Talaq was abolished

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for the welfare and up-liftment of Muslim sisters. Ever since independence the governments have kept governance apparatus in a straitjacket to serve their own interests but today the Modi government is writing a new chapter of development and inclusive growth by providing an accountable and responsive governance in the interest of common man.

The Prime Minister has always considered 1.3 billion Indians as an asset capable of changing the destiny of the country. Till now, the burgeoning population was considered the root cause of all problems plaguing the society,

but the Prime Minister gave it a new perspective and took it as a challenge and started working on channelizing the energy of this vast available asset towards Nation building. Campaigns like Make in India, Start-up India proved to be a great employment

generators in the country and reduced our dependence on imports of goods and services. This is the reason that citizenry gets inspired and energized with new hope and energy whenever Prime Minister addresses the nation. His inspiring campaign is to make a new India. His thinking and philosophy of touching every aspect of life makes him a symbol of trust in the country.

Coming from a humble background, Modi ji's in-depth understanding of basic and ground rooted issues as a citizen are a permanent catalyst for his innovative thinking, which he emphasizes prominently in every

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plan, idea and programme. The common citizen facing the similar vagaries of life easily identifies himself with him.

The schemes and policies formulated for the poor are directly reaching their doorsteps. Basic needs of food, health, education, housing, employment are being addressed holistically by the Modi government. Expressing concern from the ramparts of the Red Fort on the essential but neglected topics like toilets, Modi not only broke the traditional practice of making big announcements and flowery language but also assured the nation that the ground realities and common man's requirements should find place in the nation's address and exhibit our commitment and resolve towards the same. To think about

the importance of the toilet in a woman's personal life depicts his extreme sensitivity towards their cause by launching a nationwide programme to fulfill the daunting task of providing toilet to each and every household in the country. The arduous task of collection of firewood and its transportation on their head by women was a time-consuming affair and also posed health hazard due to its burning. The same was tackled by launch of Ujjwala scheme under which each household was given free access to gas connection. Prime Minister Modi's emphasis on strengthening the government's scheme for girl education, their

employment and creating a conducive environment for their overall welfare reflects how society is benefitted when a sensitive person occupies such positions in the service of the nation.

Novel Corona virus has affected the whole world including India impacting the society and adversely affecting every sphere of normal life. The

Prime Minister gave a clarion call to fellow Indians to help in making India self-reliant by adopting and supporting the campaign 'Vocal for Local'. Our health infrastructure was unable to cope with the severity of pandemic and we were also almost dependent on external resources for ventilators and even masks and sanitizers.

unprecedented situation created by the pandemic was dealt with by the Indian government with a strong resolve. Arrangements were made to provide free ration to 80 crore people from March to November in the country. The Rs 1.70 lakh crore Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana was launched under the 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat' fund of Rs 20 lakh crore announced to overcome the vagaries of pandemic. Pradhan Mantri Garib Rojgar Yojana was launched to provide employment to the poor. A provision of one lakh crore rupees was made to rebuild and strengthen the agricultural infrastructure. The

Prime Minister gave a clarion call to fellow Indians to help in making India self-reliant by adopting and supporting the campaign 'Vocal for Local'. Our health infrastructure was unable to cope with the severity of pandemic and we were also almost dependent on external resources for ventilators and even masks and sanitizers. We strengthened our health infrastructure during the lockdown period and the

production of sanitizers and masks increased manifold and ended our dependence on imports. Today we are exporting PPE kits, masks and ventilators.

Prior to 2014, the whole country was entrenched deeply in corruption and policy paralysis, Prime Minister Modi not only pulled the country out of this distress but also infused

positivity and vibrancy. During the last six years, the people have realized for the first time how a citizen centric government can work for the poor, how a decisive government can take the country forward and how a visionary government changes the world view towards the country.

The Bhartiya Janta Party with its millions and millions karyakartas commits to the mission of realizing the vision of our charismatic and people's Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji to make India the world Guru. ■

(The writer is the National President of BJP)

A STATESMAN WITH UNPARALLEL STATURE



YOGI ADITYANATH

नायको यस्य राष्ट्रस्य धृतिमान् मतिमान् भवेत्।
उन्नतिस्तस्य राष्ट्रस्य जायते नात्र संशयः॥

It means that it goes without any doubt that an intelligent and patient leader leads the country to dizzying heights of progress.

If you can imagine the tangible form of the spirit behind these words, these are perfectly reflected in the persona of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji. Filled with unflinching love for the country, the uncompromised dedication and sense of reverence for women, mother and motherland, unconditional respect towards the public opinion, PM Modi Ji has navigated the country to the pinnacle of glory by the dint of his vision, thought-process and steely resolve. He unshackled the country from the stagnation of backwardness which it had to face for 70 years and now the entire World is tempted to look at India as 'One India- Best India'

(EkBharat-Shreshth Bharat).

“जननी जन्मभूमिश्च स्वर्गादपि गरीयसी”। (Both the mother and the motherland are better than heaven). The philosophy of this golden saying has been imbibed by Modi ji in totality. He discharged his duties towards both with the purity and sincerity. 'Beti Padhao-Beti Bachao' has been one scheme through which he did a yeoman

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work to ensure security and self-esteem of the daughters while seeking to make them socially and financially independent and self-reliant. A lot of lip service was done in the name of women power before 2014 but it was the vision of PM Modi that it was seen in reality. Not only he protected the sanctity of the womanhood, he immediately picked up the issue

of school dropping rate among the girls and made sure they are educated and skilled enough to protect their self-respect. The 'PM Ujjawala Scheme' saved the home maker women from various carbon-induced diseases beside instilling in them, a feeling of social pride. Apart from this, he formulated several schemes like PM Dhanlakshmi Scheme, Free Sewing Scheme, Girl Assistance Scheme, Vidya Lakshmi Education Loan Scheme and PM Matravandana Scheme which helped turn women folks into as skilled, competitive, self-reliant and powerful lot and identify women power as complementary to power of the nation.

Even before the Independence, the leaders kept on talking about last man in the last line but even after 70 years of freedom, no leader could really improve the life of this last man. PM Modi brought it on the ground which made every Indian realise it. This last man considered himself as a part of this country and important component in the economy of the nation when for the first time he was given this opportunity by opening Jan Dhan



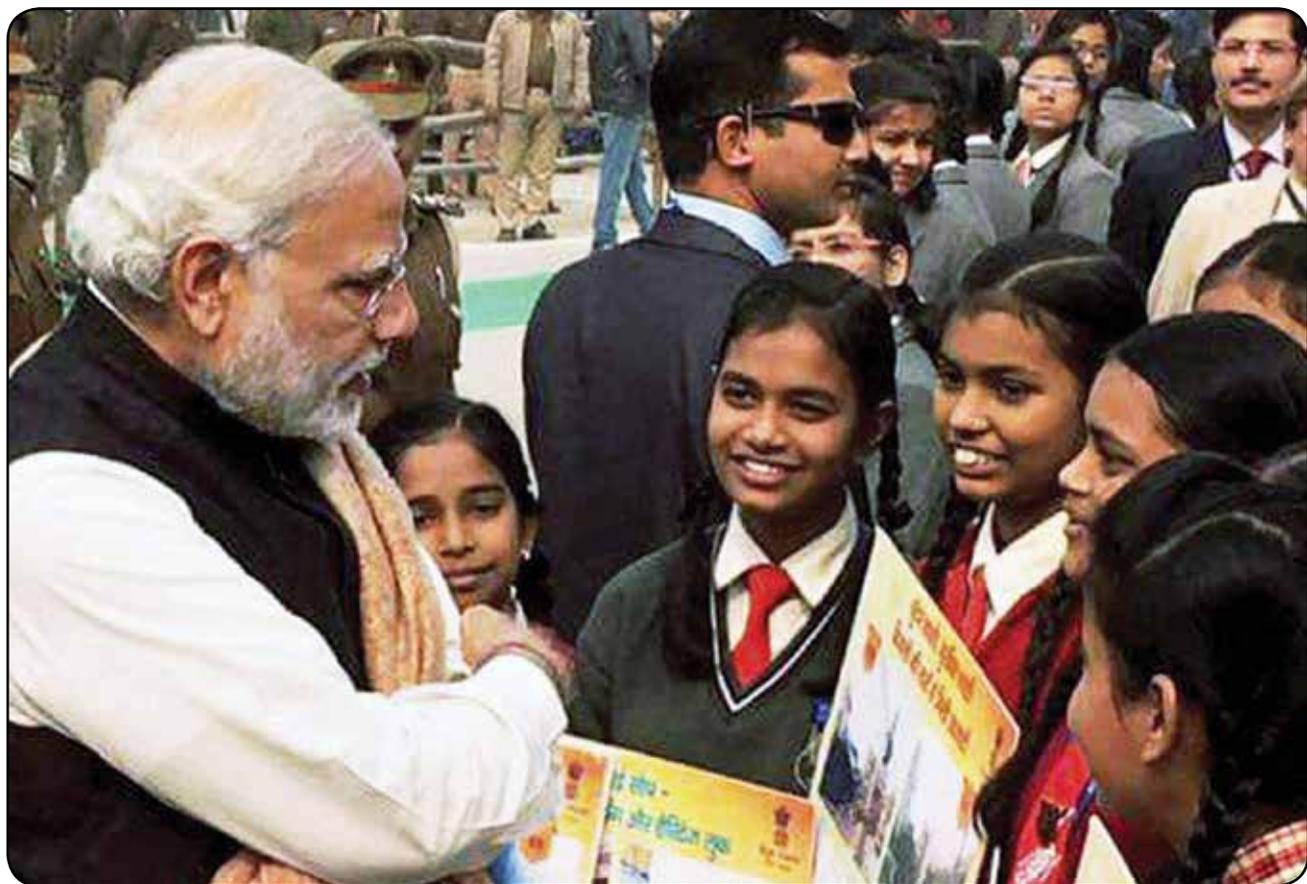
accounts in the banks. Even the greater task was to understand the ethos, mind-set and sentiments of the masses and link them to the nationalism. This, indeed, was an example of translating power of the masses into nation building. It was a unique example of how the large conglomerate can think and act towards one goal i.e nation building. It was a unique journey from 'Antodaya to Rashtrodaya'. It was fully realised when he was washing the feet of cleanliness workers, who are always considered as pariah in the society, during his visit to Prayag Mahakumbh thus breaking the shackles of inequality.

PM Modi is the true reflection of national policy in this era. His

wisdom and statesmanship gives vibrancy to the entire nation. If we are being able to protect ourselves from the Corona pandemic it is basically because of what the Hon'ble Prime Minister inspired us to do 5-6 years ago. The Mantra of 'cleanliness' was launched by him as a mission on October 2, 2014 itself. It was his foresight that he laid solid foundation of Digital India in 2014 and now during the pandemic, the virtual platform proved to be the most useful from educational to administrative arrangements, medical health to spirituality. Truly, it was the magnanimity of the PM Modi Ji who touched the chords of every Indian mind and tried to cater not only to their needs but their

aspirations as well. At the time when he is completing 70-years of his age, he has already given us 70 pro-people schemes which are writing a new script of the progress, prosperity and growth of our beloved country.

India remained away from its original character largely because the academia of the nation was in the grip of two ideologies. This led to India losing prestige at global platforms and the world opinion dubbed India as a 'soft state'. It was sheer resilience and iron resolve coupled with clear ideology and statesmanship through which he restored the lost glory and boosted the self-esteem of 135 crore Indians. The same United States which had once refused Visa to





him, was witness to tumultuous welcome of our Prime Minister at Times Square thus experiencing the new emerged prowess of India. The same United States saw India a winner at 'Howdy Modi' Programme and witnessed to the President of the most powerful country walking step by step with the Indian Prime Minister. The Prime Minister Modi adopted the policy of 'the neighbour first' and accorded due respect to the neighbouring countries they deserved but denied for long. The innovative thought process of 'Act East and Pivot to West' bridled a bridge between east and west. With the result OIC, which once had refused to extend invitation to India under pressure of Pakistan, rolled out red carpet later. Many Arab countries, in fact, bestowed their highest civilian honour on our PM Modi which is testimony of the fact that he has been universally accepted pan-world leader. There is no single

country in the world which does not want to have a connect with India and have its well-defined cooperation in this new World order which emerged after Modiji became the PM. The credit goes solely to the charismatic personality and amazing body of work of the Prime Minister Modi Ji.

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last 500 years. A lot of sacrifices were made to free the birthplace of Bhagwan Shri Ram. It was nothing short of like a 'Rashtrayagya' by the revered saints and yogis when the Prime Minister, on August 5 last, laid the foundation stone for the grand Ram Temple. Similarly, the Article 370, a big obstacle in the path of 'One India- Best India' also a sore point for Indian psyche for long. The firm resolve and unwavering political will of PM Modi saw fulfilling the commitment of Rashtranayak Shyama Prasad Mukherjee of 'Ek Nishaan, Ek

of times since independence. It was for PM who ensured financial inclusion of the classes by introducing the scheme of Jan Dhan Accounts, strived hard to convert informal economy to formal economy through infusion of Digitalisation under Digital India and moulding India into a Technological Cooperative Federalism. GST regime has announced arrival of new era in the Indian Economy. The 'One Nation One Tax' concept has strengthened the economic chain of the country and gave a thrust to India to move towards being competitive, technological and skilled nation.

I find myself extremely blessed to have got an opportunity to work under our beloved PM Modi, a person with unmitigated righteousness, unquestionable sense of service towards mankind and overwhelming sensitivity. I Pray to Shri Ram that Modi Ji, an architect of "One India-

Best India', continues to grace our lives for all times to come. The mantra of Antodaya is getting shaped in true sense now. The very best wishes to you on your birthday. We are ever grateful as your dedication, determination and vision inspires us to give our best. Wishing you a long, healthy and a glorious life.

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The global pandemic of Corona has taken a heavy toll of many of the developed countries but the foresightedness, efficient planning and capability of taking hard decisions by the PM steered us to the safety with both the 'Jaan' and the 'Jahan' are intact.

Due to lack of pragmatic and innovative approach in the economy, India could not get rid of some traditional and regressive mind-set during long stretch

AN ARCHITECT OF 'EK BHARAT-SHRESHTH BHARAT'



SARBANANDA SONOWAL

A charismatic and visionary statesman and a man of towering personality, Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi ji envisages to make India a Vishwa Guru. His landmark initiatives based on ethical values and India's philosophy have bolstered the country's image worldwide. Today there is a new found confidence among the Indians resulted by the unprecedented advancements pioneered by the Hon'ble Prime Minister in the sphere of politics, economy, science & technology and environment. In no uncertain terms, Hon'ble Modi ji's life and works have today become an unequalled source of inspiration for our people.

The way Hon'ble Prime Minister has scaled the ladder of life, overcoming all challenges and adversities deeply motivates us. The journey he traversed from the humble background of a tea seller to the position of the Prime Minister of the world's largest democracy

shows his sheer grit, agility and resoluteness. It is only because of his strong-will that he could pursue his studies unhindered even while helping his father in running a tea stall, which was his family's only source of income. His deep desire and determination to serve Bharat Mata impelled him towards achieving the goal of his life. His hardworking nature and devotion

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principle of "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Viswas". The non-resident Indians also feel proud being Indian today due to Hon'ble Prime Minister's statesmanship and visionary moves. The kind of respect, reverence and devotion showed towards him during his visits to foreign countries exemplify the popularity that he enjoys throughout the globe.

Hon'ble Prime Minister's path-breaking initiatives to take forward the country's 5000 years old culture and civilization makes the world community realize India's power and capabilities. India's culture and ethos draw undivided attention of the world today profoundly inspiring its 7.5 billion population. The United Nation's decision to celebrate International Day of Yoga since 2015 as an instrument of global peace

and robust physical and mental health in response to Hon'ble Modi ji's call, is also a recognition to him as a global leader.

21st century is an age of science and technology. While Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi ji in the year 2014 launched 'Digital India Programme' to tap the potential of innovative technologies,



many people could not realise the depth and importance of his initiative. However, gradually they have understood the prudence of the 'Digital India Programme' as it was embedded with the inherent virtues of carrying out the development narratives by instilling scientific temperament, bringing transparency at all levels of administration and weeding out corruption by executing most of the administrative works digitally. The programme is indeed successful in taking our country to a greater height. The most promising aspect of this novel initiative is the fact that our younger generation is taking keen interest in making 'Digital India' a success. During COVID 19 pandemic, our countrymen have understood the importance and significance of digital mode of operation. Not only government services, operations at non-government organizations and teachings at all levels of education are being conducted by digital technologies today.

Similarly, the National Education Policy 2020 which envisions creating better human beings with roots embedded in strong academics and value-based education is yet another contribution of the Central government led by Hon'ble Prime Minister. Taking Indian languages and culture as one of its cornerstones, this new education policy provides a ray of hope to everybody to march forward in the global landscape

with a new set of progressive ideas coupled with traditional and scientific values of our country. With the implementation of the policy, our country will be transformed into a global epicentre of knowledge and wisdom.

Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi ji has been working to strengthen the edifice of Indian Parliamentary Democracy before the world. He has reflected enormous trust in our democratic system. We witnessed a symbol of his respect for democracy, when he bowed down before the stairs leading to the Parliament at the



time of entering the House for the first time as Prime Minister. This was an auspicious expression of his respect for the Parliamentary Democracy which is a way of our life and a mean for our development. After taking over the charge of Prime Minister, he had eloquently declared himself to be a servant of the people. Our countrymen have already received a testimony of that for over the last 6 years when he made 'service to the country' as the main tenet of his life.

Moreover, the self-esteem of our countrymen has received a

major boost as a result of the steps taken by the Hon'ble Prime Minister towards protecting our sovereignty, unity and integrity. The accountability of the Hon'ble Prime Minister towards our country is adequately reflected through the surgical strike perpetrated against Pakistan and our defence forces' uncompromising stand along the Indo-China border. Abrogation of Article 370 to strike off special status to Jammu & Kashmir to strengthen the ideal of 'One nation, one Constitution' is an essence of Hon'ble Prime Minister's love for the country. The sequel of steps

taken by Hon'ble Prime Minister has developed a promising environment for fulfilling Mahatma Gandhi's dream of a Ram Rajya. The long-standing aspirations of the people of India for a Ram Temple at Ayodhya bore fruits as the country found out a legal solution to the 500-year-old

land dispute and Hon'ble Prime Minister Modi ji leading the country in a unique and disciplined way to perform Bhumi Pujan for the Ram Temple.

Besides, the Hon'ble Prime Minister has been steadfast in astutely leading the development of North East along with other parts of the nation. Never did any government in the history of independent India was so committed as the present Central Government to catapult the development of North East. The present Central government under



the leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister for the first time drafted a roadmap for a pragmatic discovery and utilization of possibilities and potentials of the entire North East. In spite of being blessed with vast resources the indifferent and negligent attitude of the previous governments had dented the morale of the people in this part of the region. As a result, the people of Northeast could not move forward on equal footing to become a part of the country's development process. In stark contrast, the faith and optimism of people of the region have increased in the process due to Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi ji's visionary policies.

Hon'ble Modi ji has initiated revolutionary steps for rapid development of the northeastern region while terming it as 'Astalakshmi' and 'New Engine of Growth' for the country. The Central Government has mandated every minister to visit the region once in every fortnight for ensuring speedy implementation of development schemes here while the Hon'ble Prime Minister himself made more than 30 visits to the region which is a record in itself. This shows his goodwill towards Northeast. New doors of opportunities have opened up in communication, transportation, trade and business, tourism, cultural exchange, sports, information technology, agriculture etc. as Hon'ble Prime Minister has initiated steps to link Northeast with South East Asia through Act East

Policy.

Hon'ble Prime Minister has glorified the Assamese 'gamosa', which is the symbol of Assamese identity, at the world stage by wearing it in different national and international fora. He has strengthened the self-confidence of the Assamese people by honouring the creation of Assamese weavers in his own way. He has provided a new lease of life to Assamese identity and bolstered the cultural horizon of the state by conferring Bharat Ratna upon music maestro

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Dr. Bhupen Hazarika. He has tremendous goodwill towards every community of the state and his step for bringing lasting peace to the state through the Bodoland Territorial Region (BTR) agreement has given renewed vigour to the state's development process.

Hon'ble Prime Minister has shown an exemplary work culture to the people of the country as he has inspired everyone to work hard while leading from the front to make India a top country in the world. He has shown an example of hard work and dedication by working 20

hours a day.

By dedicating himself to the cause of equal development of every citizen of the country, Hon'ble Prime Minister has made it possible for differently abled people to live a life of dignity while terming them as 'Divyang'. He has initiated various schemes for women, children, farmers, unemployed youths among others and successfully implemented them at the grassroots. He has already taken steps for pragmatic execution of economic stimulus package worth Rs 20 lakh crore, which he announced for reviving the pandemic hit economy of the country. The steps initiated by him for achieving the vision of 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' have tremendously boosted the confidence of the country's people. There was no precedent in India's history of announcing economic package of such a magnitude for safeguarding people's interest.

The steps taken by Hon'ble Prime Minister to shape the country in tandem with our rich cultural heritage and tradition have awakened self-realization among the people of the country and made them enthusiastic to become stakeholders in the nation building process. The initiatives of Hon'ble Prime Minister to augment the country's development process would soon turn India into one of the strongest countries in the world which every Indian deeply realizes. ■

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AN INSPIRING JOURNEY



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HUMBLE BEGINNINGS: THE EARLY YEARS

Shri Narendra Modi's journey began in the by-lanes of Vadnagar, a small and nondescript town in North Gujarat's Mehsana district. Born on 17th September 1950, 3 years after India attained freedom and within months of India becoming a Republic, Shri Narendra Modi is the third of the six children of Shri Damodardas Modi and Smt. Hiraba Modi. Vadnagar is a town that is steeped in history. Archeological excavations suggest this was a vibrant centre of learning and spirituality. The Chinese traveller Hiuen Tsang visited Vadnagar. Vadnagar also has a rich Buddhist history with as many as 10,000 Buddhist monks inhabiting the town centuries ago.



Shri Narendra Modi's early years were far from what a fairy tale upbringing is like. The family belonged to the marginalized sections of society and had to struggle to make ends meet. The entire family lived in a small single storey house (approximately 40 feet by 12 feet). His father sold tea at the tea stall he set up in the local railway station. In his early years, Shri Narendra Modi too lent a hand to his father at the tea stall.

These formative years left a strong imprint on Shri Narendra Modi. As a child, Shri Narendra Modi balanced his studies, non-academic life and his

contribution at the family tea stall. His schoolmates recall 'Narendra' as a diligent student with a penchant for debating and reading. He would spend hours and hours reading in the school library. Among the sports, he was very fond of swimming. Shri Narendra Modi had a wide range of friends from all the communities. As a child, he often celebrated both Hindu and Muslim festivals considering the large number of Muslim friends he had in the neighbourhood.

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Yet, his thoughts, and dreams went way beyond a conventional life that began in the classroom and ended in the environs of an office. He wanted to go out there and make a difference to society...to wipe tears and suffering among people. At a young

age, he developed an inclination towards renunciation and asceticism. He gave up eating salt, chillies, oil and jaggery. Reading the works of Swami Vivekananda cover to cover took Narendra Modi to a journey of spiritualism and laid the foundation for his own mission to fulfill Swami Vivekananda's dream of a Jagad Guru Bharat.

If there is one word that characterized Narendra Modi's childhood and stayed with him for the rest of his life, it is service. When floods wrecked havoc in the Tapi River, 9 year old he and his friends started a food stall and donated the proceeds

for relief work. When the war with Pakistan was at its peak he set out on the railway station and served tea to the Jawans who were going and coming from the border. This was a small step but it displayed his firm resolve to answer the call of Mother India, even at a remarkably young age.

As a child, Shri Narendra Modi had one dream-to serve in the Indian Army. For many youngsters of his time, the Army was seen as the ultimate means of serving Mother India. As luck would have it, his family was dead opposed to the idea. Shri Narendra Modi was very keen to study in Sainik School located



in nearby Jamnagar but when the time came to pay the fees, there was no money at home. Surely, Narendra was disappointed. But, fate had different plans for this young boy who was disappointed on not being able to wear the uniform of a Jawan. Over the years he embarked on a unique path that took him across India in pursuit of the larger mission to serve humanity.

DEDICATED LIFE

Most teenagers at the age of 17 think about their careers and try to enjoy the last remnants of childhood, but for Shri Narendra Modi at that age things were very different. At 17, he made an extraordinary decision, which changed the course of his life. He decided to leave home and travel across India.

His family was shocked but they accepted Narendra's wish to leave the confines of his small town life. When the day finally dawned for him to leave, his mother prepared a sweet dish that is cooked on special occasions and applied the customary 'tilak' (a mark on the forehead).

Among the places that he travelled to included the Himalayas (where he stayed at Garudachatti), Ramkrishna Ashram in West Bengal and even the Northeast. These travels left a lasting impression on the youngster. He travelled across the expansive landscape of India exploring the various cultures in various parts of the country. It was also a time of spiritual awakening for him that connected him further to a man he always admired- Swami Vivekananda.

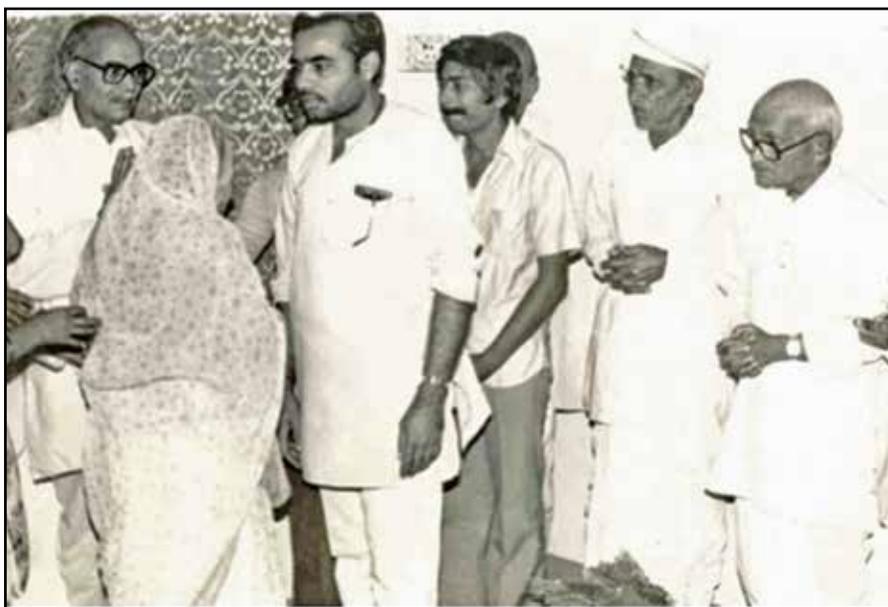
NARENDRA MODI DURING RSS DAYS

Narendra came back two years later, but stayed home only for two weeks. This time his destination was fixed and the mission was also clear- he was going to Ahmedabad, determined to work with the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS). Set up

in 1925, the RSS is a socio-cultural organisation working towards the economic, social and cultural regeneration of India.

His first brush with the RSS was at the tender age of eight when he would attend the local youth meetings of the RSS after a day's work at the family tea stall. The reason for attending such meetings was far from political. It was here that he met one of the strongest influences on his life, Shri Laxmanrao Inamdar also known as 'Vakil Saheb.'

THE ROAD TO AHMEDABAD AND BEYOND



With this background, an almost 20-year-old Narendra arrived in Gujarat's largest city Ahmedabad. He became a regular member of the RSS and his dedication and organisation skills impressed Vakil Saheb and others. In 1972 he became a Pracharak, giving his full time to the RSS. He shared his accommodation with other Pracharaks and followed a rigorous daily routine. The day began at 5:00 am and went on till late night. In the midst of such a hectic routine Narendra completed a degree in political science. He always valued education and learning.

As a Pracharak he had to travel all over Gujarat. Sometime between 1972 and 1973 he stayed at



the Santram Mandir in Nadiad, which is a part of Kheda district. In 1973 Shri. Narendra Modi was given responsibility of working for a massive summit organised in Siddhpur where he met top leaders of the Sangh.

The atmosphere in Gujarat as well as India was very volatile when Shri Narendra Modi was cutting his teeth as an activist. When he reached Ahmedabad, the city was reeling under one of the worst instances of communal rioting. In the rest of the nation too, the Congress Party, which had already suffered reverses in the 1967 Lok Sabha Elections had split between the faction of Smt. Indira Gandhi and the erstwhile syndicate, whose leaders included Shri Morarji Desai from Gujarat. Riding on the wave of a campaign to eradicate poverty, Smt. Gandhi swept back to power in 1971 Lok Sabha elections winning 352 out of 518 seats in the Lok Sabha, the popularly elected chamber of the Indian Parliament.

In the Gujarat State Elections too Smt. Gandhi replicated the strong performance, winning 140 out of 182 seats and capturing a gigantic voteshare of over 50%.

However the euphoria of the Congress and Smt. Gandhi faded as quickly as it was created. The dreams of quick reform and progress had given way to disillusionment amongst the common man in Gujarat. The struggles and sacrifices of political stalwarts such as Indulal Yagnik, Jivraj Mehta and Balwant Rai Mehta had been undone by the politics of greed.

By the end of the 1960s and early 1970s, corruption and misgovernance of the Congress government in Gujarat had reached new heights. The grand promise of 'Garibi Hatao' turned out to be an empty one as it gradually changed into 'Garib Hatao'. The condition of the poor worsened, and in Gujarat the misery was compounded with a severe famine and steep price rise. Endless queues for

basic commodities had become a common sight in the state. There was no respite for the common man.

NAVNIIRMAN MOVEMENT: YOUTH POWER

People's discontent converted into public expressions of anger when in December 1973, a few students of an Engineering College in Morbi (Gujarat) protested against the exorbitant rise in their food bills. Similar protests began to take place across the state of Gujarat. These protests soon gained widespread support and ignited a state wide mass movement against the government, known as the 'Navnirman Movement'.

Shri Narendra Modi was drawn to the mass movement that attracted all sections of society. The movement further strengthened when it gained the support of Shri Jayaprakash Narayan, a well-respected public figure and a known crusader against corruption. When Shri Jayaprakash Narayan came to Ahmedabad, Narendra had the unique opportunity to meet the JP himself. The several

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talks held by the veteran and other leaders left a strong impression on young Narendra.

Eventually student power won and the incumbent Congress Chief Minister had to resign. The joy however was short-lived. The dark clouds of authoritarianism struck on the midnight of 25th June 1975 when Prime Minister Smt. Indira Gandhi declared a state of Emergency.

THE DARK DAYS OF THE EMERGENCY

Smt. Gandhi feared she would lose her top post in the wake of an adverse court judgment that nullified her election, and thought the Emergency was the best step at that point. Democracy was under siege, freedom of speech curtailed and the leading lights



of the opposition Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee, Shri LK Advani, Shri George Fernandes to Shri Morarji Desai were arrested.

Shri Narendra Modi was at the core of the anti-Emergency movement. He was a part of the Gujarat Lok Sangharsh Samiti (GLSS) that was formed to resist tyranny. He rose to become the General Secretary of GLSS, where his primary role was to coordinate between the activists across the state. This was tough considering the strict surveillance anti-Congress leaders and activists were subjected to.

There are several stories about Shri Narendra Modi's work during the Emergency. One of them was how he rode a scooter and took a wanted senior RSS figure to a safe house. Similarly, it emerged that one of the leaders who was arrested was carrying his papers with him at the time of the arrest. The papers had to be retrieved at any cost. It fell on Shri Narendra Modi to ensure that the paper was duly retrieved from the police station where the leader was being held and that too in front of police force! When Shri Nanaji Deshmukh was arrested, he had with him a book containing the addresses of sympathizers. Shri Narendra Modi ensured that each and everyone was removed to safer locations so that nobody was arrested.

Among Shri Narendra Modi's other responsibilities were to make travel arrangements for anti-Emergency activists to and from Gujarat. Sometimes his work meant that he had to move in disguise so that he was not recognized - he would be a Sikh gentleman one day and an elderly man with a beard the next.

One of Shri Narendra Modi's most cherished experiences of the Emergency days was that he got to work with leaders and activists from different parties. Shri Narendra Modi wrote on his blog on June 2013:

“For youngsters like me, the Emergency gave a

wonderful opportunity to work with a wide spectrum of leaders and organisations that were fighting for the same goal. It enabled us to work beyond institutions we had been brought up with. From stalwarts of our family, Atal ji, Advani ji, late Shri Dattopant Thengadi, Late Shri Nanaji Deshmukh to socialists like Shri George Fernandes to Congressmen like Shri Ravindra Varma, who worked closely with Shri Morarjibhai Desai and were unhappy with the Emergency, we got inspired by leaders who belonged to different schools of thought. I was fortunate to have learnt a lot from people such as former Vice Chancellor of Gujarat Vidyapeeth Shri Dhirubhai Desai, the humanist Shri CT Daru and former Chief Ministers of Gujarat Shri Babubhai Jashbhai Patel and Shri Chimanbhai Patel

and prominent Muslim leader late Shri Habib-ur-Rehman. The struggle and determination of Late Shri Morarjibhai Desai, who steadfastly resisted the authoritarianism of the Congress and even left the party, comes to the mind.

It was as if a vibrant confluence of thoughts and ideologies had taken place for a larger good. Rising over differences of caste,

creed, community or religion we were working with our common objective- to uphold the democratic ethos of the country. In December 1975, we worked for a very important meeting of all Opposition MPs in Gandhinagar. This meeting was also attended by Independent MPs late Shri Purushottam Mavalankar, Shri Umashankar Joshi and Shri Krishan Kant.”

Outside the realm of politics Shri Narendra Modi got an opportunity to work with social organisations and several Gandhians. He vividly recalls meeting both Shri George Fernandes (whom he refers to as 'George Sahab') and Shri Nanaji Deshmukh. During those dark days he also kept writing about his experiences, which later took the shape of a book 'Aapatkal Me Gujarat' (Gujarat During the Emergency).

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Around the same time, Shri Narendra Modi was made the 'Sambhaag Pracharak' (equivalent of a regional organiser) as an appreciation of his activism and organisational work during the preceding years. He was given charge of South and Central Gujarat. At the same time he was called to Delhi and asked to chronicle the official RSS account of the Emergency Period. It meant more work and balancing both regional and national duties, which Shri Narendra Modi did with ease and efficiency.

His travels across Gujarat continued and increased through the early 1980s. This gave him the opportunity to visit every Taluka and almost every village in the state. This experience came very handy for him

both as an organiser and as the Chief Minister. It gave him a first hand view of the problems people face and increased his resolve to work harder to solve them. When droughts, floods or riots struck he would lead the relief efforts too.

Shri Narendra Modi was happily immersed in his work but the elders in the RSS and the newly formed BJP felt otherwise, they wanted him to take on more responsibility and in 1987 another chapter began in Shri Narendra Modi's life. From then on, he was as much on the streets as he would be formulating party strategies. He would have to work with Party leaders and sit with Karyakartas.

The boy from Vadnagar who left his home to serve the nation was about to take another giant step, but

for him it was merely a continuation of his journey to bring smiles on the faces of his countrymen and women. After a Yatra to Kailash Mansarovar, Shri Narendra Modi got down to work as the General Secretary in the Gujarat BJP.

INNOVATIVE FIELD ORGANIZER

It is well known that Shri Narendra Modi before he became Chief Minister and Prime Minister was an innovative Field Organizer. He has been involved in organisation work from Panchayat elections to Parliamentary elections.

His innovative organising skills are best understood from how he, as a key member of the Gujarat BJP organisation helped the BJP win the Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation elections in the 1980s.

His innovation in Organizational Methods was focused on two things. First was division of labor by making sure every Karyakarta had a goal driven task and every task driven goal had a Karyakarta assigned to it. The second aspect was ensuring there was an emotional connect with the campaign. He was able to inspire

that emotional connect by advocating a sense of ownership towards the City and its Governance.

The highlight of his community organizing during that campaign was micro-engagement with Karyakartas and engaged citizens through 1000 Community level Group Meetings in Ahmedabad. As a preparation for these 1000 Community level Meetings he had conducted a Training Course for 100 Karyakarta volunteers. The focus of the training was on what the Karyakarta was expected to do at a Community level Group Meeting - what issues to highlight, what arguments to make ?

This was a novel and radical move as far as election strategy was concerned.

The Community level group meetings would

The boy from Vadnagar who left his home to serve the nation was about to take another giant step, but for him it was merely a continuation of his journey to bring smiles on the faces of his countrymen and women. After a Yatra to Kailash Mansarovar, Shri Narendra Modi got down to work as the General Secretary in the Gujarat BJP.



comprise of citizen groups of 25 to 30 where articulate speakers would be encouraged to speak up on the issues concerning the city. To get women engaged in the process he had started all Women's Group Meetings in the afternoons after 2pm. He even managed to persuade Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee ji to come for a Municipal Campaign.

There is something to be said of the uniqueness of Shri Narendra Modi's approach to Field Organisation. This blending of a structured process of volunteer training, volunteer mobilization with an emotional local connect created the ground conditions for the BJP victory in the Ahmedabad Municipal Election to provide Narendra Modi with a template for statewide Organisation of the Sanghatan with a micro-focus at the Local Level.

Such precision was repeated election after election, be it in Gujarat, Lok Sabha Elections as a General Secretary and when Shri Modi finally joined electoral politics in 2001. His ability to connect with people and understand their needs and aspirations has been truly beneficial.

NARENDRA MODI AND THE BJP ORGANISATION

Did you know before he took the plunge in the world of electoral politics, Shri Narendra Modi had spent years in the BJP organisation, where he became known for his organisation skills and his grass root level approach that endeared him to party Karyakartas.

In 1987, Shri Narendra Modi joined the BJP where one of his first responsibilities was campaign for the 1987 Ahmedabad civic polls. A spirited campaign ensured the BJP won the polls.

In 1990, he was in the core team to strategize for the Gujarat Vidhan Sabha elections. The results of the elections brought an end to a decade of Congress rule. From 141 and 149 seats in 1980 and 1985

respectively, the Congress was down to 33 seats and the BJP won 67 seats and joined a coalition government with Shri Chimanbhai Patel. Though the alliance was short-lived, the BJP had emerged as a formidable force in Gujarat.

In 1995, again when Shri Narendra Modi was actively involved in the campaign for the Assembly Polls, the BJP decided for the first time to contest all 182 seats. In a historic outcome, the party won 121 seats and formed the Government.

In 1996 Shri Modi went to Delhi as the National Secretary of the BJP and was given the charge of key north-Indian states like Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh and Jammu and Kashmir. The BJP formed a Government in Himachal Pradesh on

its own in 1998 and formed coalitions in Haryana (1996), Punjab (1997) and Jammu and Kashmir. His responsibility in Delhi gave Shri Modi the opportunity to work with leaders like Sardar Parkash Singh Badal, Shri Bansi Lal and Shri Farooq Abdullah.

Shri Modi was entrusted with the role of General Secretary (Organisation), a very important position previously held by

stalwarts like Sundar Singh Bhandari and Kushabhau Thakre. As the General Secretary (Organisation), his role in the 1998 and 1999 Lok Sabha campaigns was key. The BJP became the single largest party in both polls and formed the Government under the leadership of Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee.

While in the organisation, Shri Modi groomed new leadership, encouraged young Karyakartas and also emphasized on usage of technology for campaigning.

MAN WITH THE MIDAS TOUCH

The BJP's journey is one of creating a ray of hope among the people of India. Wherever the BJP has reached today is due to hardwork, sweat and

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sacrifices of generations of Karyakartas. For us the Nation will always be above the Party. BJP will keep moving ahead with our motto of India first!”

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, who started his journey as a party worker rose to the topmost post in the country, because of his almost virtuoso like organizational sense and his keen ability to deconstruct and efficiently construct any job given to him. Even when he was a party worker he was noticed for his ability to deliver on any organizational role assignment. The party seniors sent him to troubleshoot in areas that were crucial to the growth of the party. Every time he was given a responsibility in the party – whether at organizing a rally or an election campaign in a hostile region – he always exceeded expectation.

Till date he stresses on the importance of focusing on the organizational role of workers at every level and speaks about it often.

Shri Narendra Modi made the speech on a

sultry September afternoon in Ahmedabad, when he took stage to address Karyakartas (workers) of the Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha (BJYM), which is the youth wing of the BJP. The core of his speech was a message on the importance of booth management:

“Booth management is very important during elections. Just like you cannot win a battle without winning a fort, you cannot win an election without securing a victory at the polling booth. Winning at the polling booth is the real test of an election.”

In the same speech he said that it is important that the party workers stand shoulder to shoulder with the people during times of happiness and sadness and develop a personal connect with them.

Today, the world knows Shri Narendra Modi as a dynamic developmental figure who has transformed the landscape of his home state Gujarat. But before he earned the reputation of being a superlative organiser with the Midas Touch, he transformed every area he worked into a success story for the BJP.

For a man you are used to seeing sitting in a swanky chamber surrounded by the who’s who from India and the world, you would be surprised to know that Shri Narendra Modi’s first job in the RSS was to mop the floor at the RSS Headquarters in Ahmedabad!

His ‘duties’ included fetching milk in the morning and keeping the office premises clean. He would even wash clothes for senior Pracharaks, out of respect.

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he was asked by the Sangh Leadership to join the BJP in 1987 as General Secretary.

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MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS: SMALL IS BIG

On joining the BJP in 1987, Shri Narendra Modi’s first test was the Municipal Elections in Ahmedabad that very year. Through the early 1980s the BJP tasted success in the Rajkot and Junagadh corporations and even won a few seats in the Assembly, but Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation (AMC) remained the prize catch for a party seeking to establish a foothold in the state. The Congress that was firmly in the saddle in the Parliament, Vidhan Sabha and almost every Panchayat/Corporation in Gujarat was heavily discredited, but their strong-arm tactics made them a Party hard to beat.

Taking the challenge head-on, Shri Narendra Modi covered the entire city and worked tirelessly to ensure a victory for the BJP. Finally, the results were just what the BJP wanted. The Party became the ruling party in the AMC giving it an opportunity to serve people and expand its base in the years to come.





SUCCESS IN THE VIDHAN SABHA: THE LOTUS SHINES IN GANDHINAGAR

Under the leadership of Madhavsingh Solanki and his KHAM coalition, the Congress won 141 seats with a voteshare of 51.04% in the 1980 Assembly Elections. The BJP won only 9 seats. Riding on the

wave of a new social coalition along with a sympathy wave after Smt. Indira Gandhi's assassination, Solanki led the Congress to another resounding victory winning 149 seats and a voteshare of 55.55%. For the BJP, it was disappointment once again. The party had to be content with 11 seats with a marginal

ENJOYING WORK

How is that Shri Narendra Modi never gets tired? What is the source of his energy that he can keep up with such a demanding schedule, weeks after weeks and yet deliver with machine like consistency the same quality of work every time? This is a question that has often been asked by both supporters of the Prime Minister and indeed those who critically analyze him.

This question was posed directly to him in the first ever Townhall and in a recent television by a New Delhi based media house. The answer that Shri Narendra Modi gave made practical sense from his personal point of view but has deep philosophical connotations as well - tiredness is never because of working hard to achieve a mission but more a mental state about work left unfinished or pending. To quote from Modi's own words in the interview to Rahul Joshi, "Actually we get tired by not working and work gives you satisfaction. That satisfaction gives you energy. I have felt this and always tell this to my young friends. Tiredness is more psychological. Everyone has the same capacity needed for the volume of the work. You keep accepting new challenges and your inner self will always back you. This is in-built."

His mantra is simple yet profound - If you are enjoying your work you would never feel tired because you are doing what you are enjoying! ■



improvement in voteshare (14.96%).

However, the Congress lacked any clear policy goal and all they could do was play politics around reservations and create/destroy social coalitions. The years between 1985 and 1988 witnessed severe droughts. The social fabric of Gujarat was torn apart by several bomb blasts.

As the Assembly Elections of 1990 approached, the mood was vehemently anti-Congress but the strong-arm tactics of the Party persisted. Shri Narendra Modi had his task cut out - to build a strong organisation that would complement the political leadership of the party to secure a mandate from the people.

On 27th February 1990, after a decade of Congress rule, Gujarat elected a new Vidhan Sabha. The results put the Janata Dal under Chimanbhai Patel at pole position with 70 seats and 29.36% of the votes. The BJP was close second with 67 seats and 26.69% votes. From a party that barely had a presence, the BJP emerged as a formidable force that was here to stay.

The second litmus test faced by the Gujarat BJP when Narendra Modi was very active as an organiser in the state unit was the 1995 Assembly Elections. The 1995 elections was the first time that the BJP contested all 182 Vidhan Sabha seats. It was also the first time it was contesting more seats than the Congress. The people of Gujarat gave a thumping victory to the BJP as the party won 121 seats. BJP's voteshare shot upto 42.51%. For the Congress, it was a disappointing run and they managed only 45 seats. Shri Narendra Modi successfully strengthened the Organisation and exposed several cracks in the Congress armour.

The BJP formed the Government but the problems were far from over. There was intense factionalism within the BJP leaders in Gujarat and finally the Party lost its grip on power in 1996. By this time Shri

Narendra Modi was already in Delhi, working as the National Secretary of the BJP.

Riding on the betrayal of their own leaders who formed splinter parties and joined hands with the Congress in 1996, the BJP returned to power in 1998 but by 2001 again the shadow of gloom was large. Successive natural calamities from flood, cyclone, drought and a deadly earthquake in Kutch started alienating people from the BJP. In these trying times, Shri Narendra Modi was asked to become the Chief Minister of Gujarat on 7th October 2001. A man who had never dreamt of power or office was given this responsibility with a single aim- to enhance the prestige of the faltering BJP government in Gujarat. With elections scheduled for March 2003, Shri

Narendra Modi, again had his task cut out.

The unfortunate events in Godhra and the rest of Gujarat convinced Shri Narendra Modi that the state needed a new government to carry forward the process of healing and development for the state. He was also convinced that the BJP was the right Party to do so. That is why he dissolved the Assembly early and Elections were declared in December

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During the campaign, Shri Narendra Modi became the most vilified figure in Indian politics. Political pundits derided him and pollsters called the Election in favour of the Congress. He campaigned hard but unlike earlier times, he was the face of the campaign – a strategy he adopted again during the Lok Sabha elections. Shri Narendra Modi covered the entire state and spread the message of hope.

The result was a spectacular win for the BJP, which won 127 seats and a vote share of 49.85%. The Congress won only 51 seats.

From 2002-2007, Shri Narendra Modi ensured a clean and development oriented Government for Gujarat with the state developing in leaps and



bounds. But as more development took place in Gujarat, more the frustration grew in the opposition. In 2007, as the Assembly Elections approached, Shri Narendra Modi again became the target of personal slander. The Congress President described him as a “Merchant of Death” in a campaign full of bitterness. Yet, Shri Narendra Modi stayed away from hate-driven politics and focused on his strengths and the agenda of development. Finally, the BJP won 117 seats and retained a voteshare of 49.12%. The Congress remained under 60 seats winning 59.

Shri Narendra Modi's most recent electoral victory in Gujarat came in December 2012, when the Party emerged victorious with 115 seats. The people of Gujarat gave him a thumping victory.

During the entire period from 2001 till date, while Shri Narendra Modi has been the Chief Minister, the BJP has won in every round of the Panchayat and Corporation elections.

From 1990 till 2012 a lot changed, but what remained constant was the hardwork, determination and dedication of Shri Narendra Modi, who invigorated each campaign through innovation and ensured the mandate was in favour of the BJP.

LOK SABHA ELECTIONS: MAXIMUM LOTUSES TO DELHI FROM GUJARAT

Narendra Modi's ability as an organiser also helped the Party send the maximum BJP MPs to Delhi from Gujarat in successive Lok Sabha Elections. In 1984, the BJP won a lone Lok Sabha seat from Gujarat but 5 years later in the 1989 Lok Sabha Elections, the Party tally rose to 12 and in 1991 the tally shot up to 20!

In 1996, 1998 and 1999 the BJP's tally remained above 20 from Gujarat. Even though he was not in Gujarat during this period, the foundation to this victory was laid by Shri Narendra Modi's tireless efforts. While he was Chief Minister of Gujarat, the BJP won a majority of seats in the Lok Sabha

Elections of 2004 and 2009, from the state.

THE YATRAS: PUTTING NATION BEFORE SELF

As General Secretary in Gujarat, Shri Narendra Modi became the force behind organising the 'Nyay Yatra' in 1987 and the Lok Shakti Yatra in 1989. Both these Yatras became a focal point in the quest for justice for the people of Gujarat, under a repressive and corrupt Congress regime.

Nationally, Shri Narendra Modi was a key figure in organising the 'Somnath

to Ayodhya Yatra' led by Shri LK Advani and the 'Ekta Yatra' led by Dr. Murli Manohar Joshi. The 'Ekta Yatra' was held in the backdrop of the volatile atmosphere in Kashmir created by terrorists, who were disallowing the hoisting of the Tricolour in Srinagar. Before the Yatra began, Shri Narendra Modi inspected all the

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Organising Yatras is never an easy task. From finalizing the route to checking preparedness at every location to ensuring smooth movement, everything is a part of the duty of the organizer. And Shri Narendra Modi performed this role with perfection in those years. As Chief Minister too he undertook several Yatras, the most recent one being the 'Vivekananda Yuva Vikas Yatra', in 2012, where he travelled across Gujarat and spread Swami Vivekananda's message among the people.

BEYOND GUJARAT: SUCCESS IN NORTH INDIA

In 1995, Shri Narendra Modi was sent to Delhi as BJP National Secretary. He was given charge of the states in North India, namely Jammu and



Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana and the Union Territory of Chandigarh. The BJP's position in all these states was weak. Both Jammu & Kashmir and Punjab had witnessed a turbulent 15 years. If the elections in JK were fraught with discrepancies in 1987, the opposition had boycotted the Punjab elections in 1992.

Haryana was in the Congress kitty and in Himachal Pradesh the BJP was routed in the 1993 Assembly elections.

This is again where Shri Narendra Modi's keen organizational skills came in handy. In Haryana, where elections were held in mid-1996, the BJP stitched

an alliance with Shri Bansi Lal's Haryana Vikas Party and the alliance formed the Government with 44 seats. Shri Bansi Lal became the Chief Minister. The BJP won 11 out of the 25 seats it contested in. Compare this with 1991, when the party contested in 89 out of the 90 seats and won only 2. A decade ago, it was unimaginable for the BJP to enter into alliances

with Shri Bansi Lal and Shri Devi Lal but with immense tact and without compromising the core ideology of the party, these alliances became a reality.

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the people in 1996, the people gave their mandate to Shri Farooq Abdullah's National Conference with 57 out of the 87 seats. The second highest number of seats went to the BJP. Though the number stood at 8, it was indeed a victory of sorts as the party polled more seats than other parties like the Congress or Janata Dal.



The other state under Shri Narendra Modi's care, Himachal Pradesh had a different political landscape. While the BJP formed the Government in 1990 with 46 seats out of the total 68 seats, the Government was dismissed in the wake of the Babri Demolition in 1992. When the state voted

again in 1993, the BJP was vanquished and won only 8 seats. In 1998, the BJP and the Congress both won 31 seats and the balance of power hung with former telecom Minister Sukhram's Himachal Vikas Congress, which had 5 MLAs. Shri Narendra Modi played an influential role in winning over Shri Sukhram and forming the Government under a

fresh face, Prem Kumar Dhumal. Shri Dhumal went on to become the Chief Minister again in 2007 for a full term albeit with a complete majority.

The success in Punjab was the grandest where the Akali-BJP combine literally swept into power with 93 of the 117 seats between the two parties in the 1997 Vidhan Sabha elections. The BJP contested 22

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SWEARING-IN CEREMONY OF SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE IN 1998

seats, won 18 and recorded a voteshare of 48.22% in the seats where it contested. A year before, in 1996, Modi spearheaded the BJP's campaign in the Chandigarh civic polls and delivered a three fourth majority for the BJP. The victory is noteworthy because in the Chandigarh Corporation, there is a proportion of members are nominated by the LG, who was appointed by a non-BJP Government. It was Narendra Modi's eye for detail that the party picked Shri Satyapal Jain to contest the Chandigarh Lok Sabha seat in 1998 when he defeated Shri Pawan Kumar Bansal.

Shri Narendra Modi's performance as an organiser in parliamentary elections is also noteworthy with him having to face three Lok Sabha elections in the six years that he was out of Gujarat. In his first election as the in-charge on these states, the BJP won one seat in JK, four seats in Haryana and was blanked out in Punjab and Himachal Pradesh. However, in 1999, JK sent 2 MPs, Himachal Pradesh 3, Punjab 1 and Haryana 5.

Shri Narendra Modi was made the National General Secretary (Organisation) in 1998. The post of General Secretary (Organisation) is a very important position in the organizational structure of the party, which entails coordinating the matters across the entire nation. Previous occupants of this post include Shri Kushabhau Thakre and Shri Sundar Singh Bhandari. He was the General Secretary Organisation in 1999, when the BJP won its highest ever tally of 182 Lok Sabha seats.

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In June 2013, for 2014 Lok Sabha Elections and on 13th September 2013, he was named the NDA's Prime Ministerial candidate.

From cleaning office premises to being a part of election campaigns for the Panchayat to the Parliament, Shri Modi has seen every facet of what it takes to work for a Party Organisation. And, everything he touched attained success! No wonder he is the BJP's Midas Man. ■

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HOW THE CM (COMMON MAN) BECAME THE CM (CHIEF MINISTER)

Shri Narendra Modi was at a funeral of a senior cameraman Shri Gopal Bisht, who was among the journalists killed with late Madhavrao Scindia in that unfortunate plane crash when he received a phone call from none other than the then Prime Minister, Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee. "Where are you" asked Atal ji.

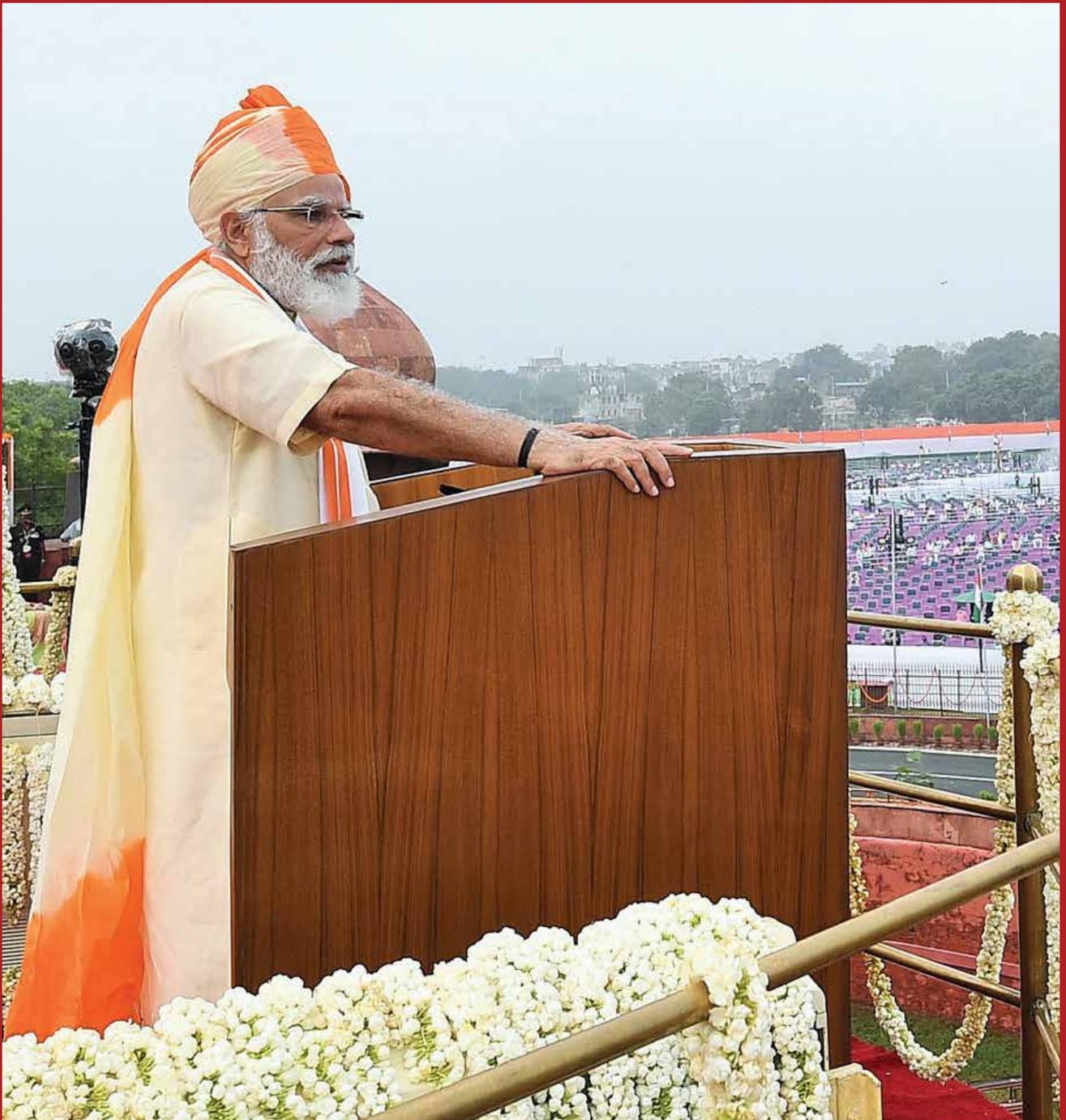
Shri Modi replied, "I am in a funeral" to which Atal ji said, "Oh! Obviously I cant talk when you are at a funeral" but he called Shri Modi to his residence that evening.

When Shri Modi met Atal ji, the Prime Minister remarked, "Delhi has made you very fat! You must go back to Gujarat!"

The message was perfectly understood by Shri Modi, who was surprised by this decision. Having never served as an MLA, this was a very big responsibility the party was entrusting him with but when the Prime Minister of India is insisting, who can say no. In Shri Modi's own words, he recalled, "I had not been to Gujarat for years. I called my party colleagues and told them- you are calling me but where will I go, I have no home there. I haven't been to Gujarat in a while. They told me we will book a room in the circuit house but I insisted that I am not an MLA so I will pay the complete amount!"

Thus began Shri Modi's innings as Gujarat Chief Minister. He went on to become the state's longest serving CM and took oath a record 4 times. ■

FROM THE RAMPARTS OF RED FORT...



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Prime Minister's Address on 68th Independence Day, 15 August, 2014

'LET US MOVE TOGETHER, THINK TOGETHER, RESOLVE TOGETHER AND UNITEDLY TAKE THE COUNTRY FORWARD'



P rime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's speech from the ramparts of the Red Fort on 15 August, 2014 has won hearts of the people of India who applauded his frank and direct address to the people while raising the issues of concerns and paving the path for future. We are publishing the salient points of his speech for our esteemed readers:

- Dear countrymen, I am here amidst you not as a Prime Minister but as the Pradhan Sevak.
- I bow to all freedom fighters who sacrificed and dedicated their lives for country's independence.
- Independence Day is an occasion to take a pledge for the welfare of all



those who are down trodden, poor, exploited and oppressed and to do something for them.

- Every action should be tested on the yardstick of national interest. If we resolve to live a life like that, the festival of Independence may become an inspiration to take India to new heights.
- This country has been built not by the rulers but by farmers, workers, mothers and sisters, youth, sages and saints, teachers, scientists and social workers.
- A child hailing from a small town and belonging to a poor family is today having the good fortune of bowing before India's tricolour from the ramparts of the Red Fort. It is the power of India's democracy and priceless blessing given by the authors of the Indian constitution. I bow to them.
- All Prime Ministers of the country have contributed to the progress of the country after independence. Likewise, all Governments of the country as well as state Governments have also contributed.
- Let us move together, think together, resolve together and unitedly take the country forward. 125 crore countrymen have taken the country forward with this credo.
- We are not among those who function on the strength of majority. We want to move forward on a strong base of consensus.
- When I had an insider's view after coming to Delhi, it looked as if dozens of parallel Governments were running within the Government, each with its own fiefdom. I witnessed conflict and scattering. I have begun an attempt to make the Government an organic unit.
- The machine called Government or establishment is to be made sharper and swifter for fulfilling aspirations of the people.
- Right from a peon to the Cabinet Secretary everybody is capable. Everybody has power and experience. I want to harness their power and use it to speed up national welfare. I will certainly do it.
- Our great leaders won freedom, do we not have a duty towards the India of their dreams, and don't we have a national character. A time has come to think seriously over these issues.
- Should 125 crore countrymen not have a mantra to ensure that their every step is in national interest.
- Everything is not for self. Some things are also for the nation. One should rise above the self-interest and think about the national interest.
- Parents ask a number of questions when a daughter goes out, but do they ever have the courage to ask their son about his friends or where is he going or why. After all a rapist is also someone's son.
- Even after independence we sometime face poison of casteism or communalism. How long will it continue and who is going to benefit from it?
- I appeal to youth of the country that the poison of casteism, communalism or sectarianism is a hindrance to country's progress. Think and try a ten years moratorium to get a society free of all these tensions.
- There are two tracks in the country to move forward, good governance and development. We can progress only on these tracks.
- Crores of families have mobile phones but not a bank account. We have to change this situation.
- Those in Government service are not doing a job but a service, this feeling is to be renewed.
- Just imagine, if 125 crore countrymen take a step forward the country will move 125 crore steps forward.
- Who so ever will open an account under Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana will be provided with a debit card and insurance worth Rs. One lakh.
- We want to link poor people of the country with a bank account facility through Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana.
- Our country is the youngest nation of the world. Skill development is our mission for development of the country.
- I want to develop such youth who are job creators.
- We have skill, talent and discipline and a will to perform. We want to give a collective opportunity to the world. ...Come, make in India, we have the strength, come to our country, I invite you.
- A farmer serves the country by filling the granaries in the same way as a soldier defends the motherland. It is also a national service.
- When we stand here on next 15th August, we should be confident that there is no school left in the country without separate toilets for boys and girls. ■

Prime Minister's Address on 69th Independence Day, 15 August 2015

'TEAM INDIA WILL TAKE THE COUNTRY TO NEW HEIGHTS'

Hoisting the Tri-colour from the ramparts of Red Fort on the occasion of 69th Independence Day, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi in his second Independence Day speech, lauded Team India - a team of 125 crore Indians - for their efforts in the prosperity of the country and said the team will take the nation to new heights. "This is Team India, a team of 125 crore Indians. This is the team that makes the nation and takes our nation to new heights," he said. "This country has progressed due to Team India. Had the world ever thought that when so many people become a team, it takes the country to new heights and saves the country," he said. People from all walks of life were gathered outside the Red Fort premises amid tight security arrangements to participate in the flag





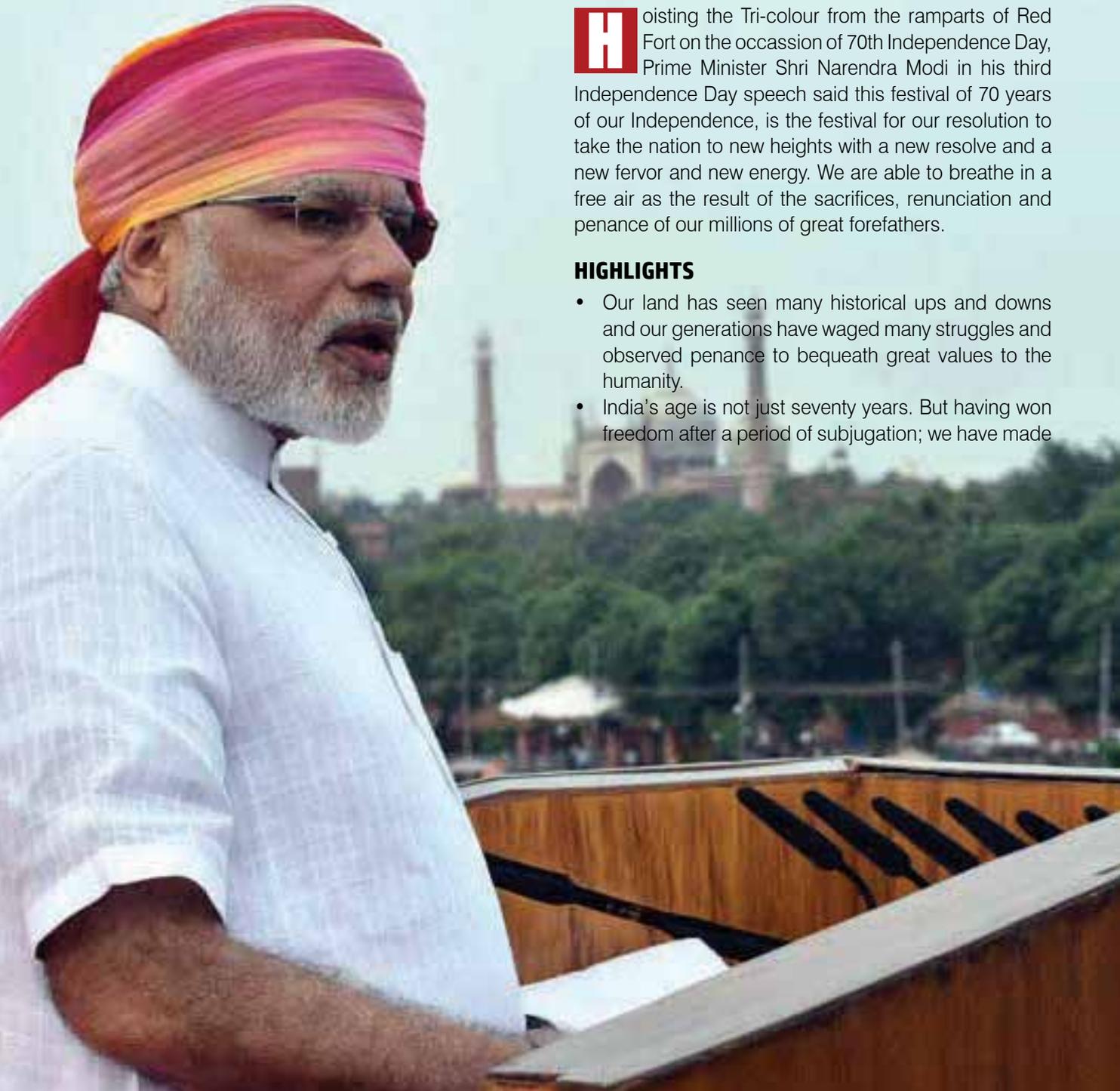
hoisting ceremony and listen to the PM's speech.

HIGHLIGHTS

- This is the Team that makes the nation and takes our nation to new heights
- Be it casteism or communalism, there is no place for them. In no way can they be tolerated
- 'Jan Bhagidari' is the biggest asset of our democracy. "Be it MyGov, letters from citizens, Mann Ki Baat, communication with people...daily Jan Bhagidari is increasing", the PM said.
- The poor want to move away from poverty and that is why, all our programmes must be for the poor.
- Bank accounts are essential for integrating poor into the financial system, 17 crore people opened accounts under Jan Dhan Yojna.
- All our programmes and institutions should be helpful to the poor; have to empower them through financial inclusion.
- Last time from the Red Fort I spoke about toilets and cleanliness. People wondered what kind of PM is he, talking about these issues.
- If there is something that has touched every person, it is the movement towards cleanliness.
- Almost 4.25 lakh toilets were built in 2.62 lakh schools nationwide in one year; this gives self-confidence that we can do what we want.
- Who has given maximum strength to Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan? It is the children of India.
- We have been very successful in our campaign to make toilets, especially for girls in schools across India.
- We introduced 'Shrameva Jayate Yojana'. It is an effort to change the way we look at the workers of India.
- Dignity of labour has to be our national duty, it has to be a part of our nature.
- India can be free of corruption but we need lots of measures. We have to start from top.
- Some people like to remain in 'Nirasha'. And they are not satisfied till they have spoken about it to other people.
- 20 lakh Indians have given up LPG subsidy.
- Coal block auction has been undertaken by the govt, national exchequer will get Rs 3 lakh crore.
- On the issue of black money, we took a lot of steps within such a short time. We formed a SIT under the SC's guidance the day we took over.
- Some people are worried about tough law on black money. It has ensured that nobody dares to take black money out of the country.
- PM makes disclosure that Rs 6500 crores disclosed under compliance window of black money and foreign assets law.
- CBI has registered 1800 corruption cases after we formed government.
- India cannot develop till the eastern part of India develops.
- India will progress if Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, West Bengal, Odisha and the north east develop.
- Even after so many decades of Independence there are 18,500 villages in India which do not have electricity.
- We affirm our commitment to provide electricity to all those villages that do not have electricity.
- Agriculture ministry to be renamed as ministry of agriculture and farmer welfare for institutionalized care of the farmers.
- This is not just a change in nomenclature of the ministry. This means farmers issues would get prime importance in the ministry's scheme of things.
- A new vertical has been created to look after farmers' welfare and to help those farmers who are in distress.
- 'Start up India' and 'Stand up India', PM exerts in his speech.
- As part of the Skill India and Digital India initiative, the Prime Minister said a package of incentives will be given to manufacturing units for generating jobs.
- Our government has agreed to 'One Rank One Pension' in principle, talks are in last stages.
- The Prime Minister reiterated government's resolve to make India a developed nation by 2022, with a house and access to basic services like electricity, to all. He said the government had resolved to connect with electricity, all the 18,500 villages which still remain without power, within the next 1000 days. He also reiterated his vision for the development of eastern India.
- Questioning the practice of "interviews" for recruitments even at relatively junior levels, the Prime Minister called upon concerned departments to end this practice at the earliest, and to promote merit by recruiting only through transparent, online processes. ■

Prime Minister's Address on 70th Independence Day, 15 August 2016

'INDIA IS NOT 70 YEARS OLD BUT THIS JOURNEY IS 70 YEARS LONG'



Hoisting the Tri-colour from the ramparts of Red Fort on the occasion of 70th Independence Day, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi in his third Independence Day speech said this festival of 70 years of our Independence, is the festival for our resolution to take the nation to new heights with a new resolve and a new fervor and new energy. We are able to breathe in a free air as the result of the sacrifices, renunciation and penance of our millions of great forefathers.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Our land has seen many historical ups and downs and our generations have waged many struggles and observed penance to bequeath great values to the humanity.
- India's age is not just seventy years. But having won freedom after a period of subjugation; we have made



efforts to take the nation forward in this journey of seventy years.

- Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel united the nation. Now, it is the responsibility of all of us to make this nation better. We all have to work ceaselessly for the realization of the dream of 'One India, great India'. (Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat). We have not attained freedom for free of cost.
- My Countrymen, when I talk about the Good Governance, it does implies bringing in transformation in the life of common man of my country. Good governance means that the government should be sensitive, responsive and dedicated to the common man. Then only good governance gets the emphasis.
- Responsibility and accountability should be at the root of it and it should draw its vital energy from there only for the government to be sensitive.
- We remember the days when there used to be a very long wait to go to any big hospital. People used to come to AIIMS, spend two three days and then only it would be decided what diagnostic tests were to be done. Now we have been able to change this system. Registration is done online and the doctor's appointment is also given online.
- The government should be accountable. If it be not so then the problems of the common man are kept pending for solutions. How does the change come?
- It is equally important to lay emphasis on the transparency for good governance.
- You know that a global relationship has already started to become a common thing in the society today.
- Good governance is also necessary for Surajya and the steps we have taken towards this good governance are that, as I had said last year from the Red Fort that we would exempt group 'C' and group 'D' posts from interviews, they might get job on the basis of merit. We have detected almost 9,000 posts for which thousands and lakhs of people need to be recruited.
- Rural roads are a perpetual issue in our country. Each rural citizen craves for pakka roads. Its a huge task. Atal Bihari Vajpayee Ji took this task specifically. Even succeeding governments continued this and the work continued. We have made efforts to fast track it. Earlier 70-75 Km of rural roads were completed in a day. Now we have increased that pace up to 100KM

a day. This pace will fulfil the aspirations of common man in the days to come.

- Now we are connecting government schemes to Aadhaar Card, focusing on stopping the leakages through direct benefit transfer. Previous government had connected four crore people to government schemes via Aadhaar Card.
- There was a time when gas stove at home was deemed as a standard and as a symbol of social status. During the last 60 years of independence, 14 crore LPG gas connections were given.
- It is a great satisfaction to me that on one side, 14 crore gas connections were given in 60 years, while on the other side, we have given 4 crore gas connections in just 60 weeks. Please compare the two figures - 14 crore in 60 years and 4 crore in 60 weeks. This is the speed, by which a change has become possible in the quality of life of common men.
- We have also started the task of eradicating obsolete laws. The burden of unnecessary laws has been creating hindrance in the functioning of the government, the judiciary and the public. We have identified 1700 such laws, out of which 1175 laws have already been repealed by the Parliament and several other such laws are in the process of repealing.
- When we had launched "Prime Minister Jan-Dhan Yojana", it was almost an impossible task. There were banks and the governments, nationalisation had already taken place, but the common man of the country was not able to be a part of the mainstream of national economy.
- Brothers and Sisters, we have attained this impossible task through inclusion of 21 crore persons under "Jan-Dhan Yojana".
- We have already distributed thirteen crore LED bulbs and we have resolved to distribute 77 crores and I would like to appeal to my countrymen to use LED bulbs in their homes and save 200, 300, 500 Rupees in a year and save energy and save our environment. The day we achieve the target of 77 crore bulbs, we would be saving 20 thousand Mega Watt of electricity.
- I have tried to do several things in every range with the mantra of Total transformation, Transformation with transparency, Reform, Perform and Transform. ■

Prime Minister's Address on 71st Independence Day, 15 August, 2017

'I SHALL URGE YOU TO TAKE UP THE NEW INDIA PLEDGE AND MOVE AHEAD'



P rime Minister Shri Narendra Modi addressed the nation from the ramparts of the Red Fort on the 71st Independence Day on 15 August, 2017. Shri Modi said we are fortunate to have in our cultural and historical heritage from a Sudarshan Chakradhari Mohan to Charkhadhari Mohan. This year we are commemorating the centenary of Champaran Satyagrah and the Sabarmati Ashram. The centenary of Lokmanya Tilak's call "Swaraj is my birth right" falls this year as well.

HIGHLIGHTS

- We have to leave this 'Chalta Hai' attitude. We have to think of 'Badal Sakta Hai' - this attitude will help us as a nation.
- The law against Benami property was lying in limbo for years. Now, we have come up with a law against Benami Property. In such a short time, the government has unearthed Benami properties worth over Rs.800 crores.
- The 'One Rank - One Pension' policy for our defence forces was stuck up for 30-40 years. Our government implemented it.
- The country has many states and a Central Government. GST has shown the spirit of cooperative federalism and has given competitive cooperative federalism a new strength.
- New systems are emerging. Today roads are being built at twice the speed. The railway tracks are being laid at double the speed. More than 14 thousand villages that were hitherto shrouded in darkness even after Independence, have been provided with electricity. Bank accounts of 29 crore people have been opened, more than 9 crore farmers have got Soil Health Card. More than 2 crore poor mothers and sisters are no longer using the fuel wood and using LPG gas stove now. The poor tribals have gained faith in the system. The person at the last mile of development now joins the mainstream and



the nation is marching ahead.

- India today has gained in stature across the globe. You will be happy to know that we are not alone in our fight against terrorism. Many nations are proactively supporting us.
- I deeply appreciate the efforts of security forces in curbing the Left Wing extremism which mobilized a lot of youth from these regions to surrender and joined the mainstream.
- I review Government Projects every month. A specific project came to my notice. It was a 42-year old project. 70-72 kilometres of Railway lines were to be laid, but the project was lying in limbo for the last 42 years.
- If each one of us, irrespective of where he belongs to, strives with a new resolve, a new energy, a new strength, we can change the face of the country with our combined strength in the 75th year of our independence in 2022. It will be the New India – a secure, prosperous and strong nation.
- A New India where there is equal opportunity for all; where modern science and technology play an important role in bringing glory for the nation in the global arena.
- In the New India, the biggest strength is democracy. But we have reduced our democracy to mere ballot boxes. However, democracy cannot be confined only to ballot boxes. Hence our resolve is to see to it that we have a democracy in New India, where people are not driven by the system, rather the system is driven by the people. Such a democracy should become the identity of New India and we want to move towards that direction.
- Lal Bahadur Shastri had given the slogan “Jai Jawan Jai Kisan.” Our farmers have not looked back since then. They are now producing record harvests and scaling new heights despite facing natural adversities. There has been a record production of pulses this year.
- India never had the tradition to import pulses and if it had to import on rare occasions, it was only a few thousand tons. This year when they produced 16 lakh tons of pulses to provide nutrition to the poor, the government took the historic step of encouraging them by buying their produce.
- ‘Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojna’ has provided a security cover to our farmers. Three years back, this

scheme which was running under a different name earlier, covered only 3.25 crore farmers.

- ‘Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojna’ aims to meet the demand of water of the farmers. If my farmers get water, they can produce rich harvests from their fields.
- Over the last three years, we have set up 6 IITs, 7 new IIMs and 8 new IIITs and we have also done the groundwork for linking the education with job opportunities.
- Our mothers and sisters are an integral unit of our families. And that is why we have decided to increase the paid maternity leave to 26 weeks from the earlier 12 weeks.
- Making India corruption-free is an important task and we are trying to provide impetus to it. Demonetization followed this move. We have achieved several milestones through demonetization.
- You will be surprised to know that there are some shell companies operating from a single address. As many as 400 companies have been found to be operating from one address. There was no one to question them. There was a total collusion.
- We have taken several steps and I am sure that post GST, it will increase further and bring in transparency. Today a truck driver on an average is able to save 30% of his travel time from one point to another after GST was introduced.
- Cheap medicines through ‘Jan Aushadhi Kendras’ are a boon to the poor. There used to be a lot of expenditure on operations and stents. We are striving to make it possible for knee operations as well.
- We asserted our supremacy in the world by introducing Tejas aircraft. BHIM Aadhaar App for digital transaction has come as a surprise to the world. Crores of RuPay Cards are now available in the country. When all the cards will be operational, it will be the largest number of cards in the world.
- I shall urge you to take up the New India Pledge and move ahead. Our scriptures say, “अनियत कालः, अनियत कालः प्रभृत्यो विपलवन्ते, प्रभृत्यो विपलवन्ते”. It implies that, if we don't accomplish a work within the stipulated time then we shall not be able to get the desired results. So for the ‘Team India’, for the 125 crore countrymen, we have to take the pledge to achieve the goal by 2022. ■

Prime Minister's Address on 72nd Independence Day, 15 August, 2018

'INDIA IS TODAY BRIMMING WITH SELF-CONFIDENCE'



P rime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 15 August, 2018 addressed the nation from the ramparts of the Red Fort, on the occasion of the 72nd Independence Day. In his address asserting that India is today brimming with self-confidence, the Prime Minister mentioned developments such as the success of Navika Sagar Parikrama by six young women



naval officers, and the achievements of young Indian sportspersons from humble backgrounds.

- The Prime Minister paid homage to the freedom fighters and martyrs. He saluted the jawans of the security forces and police forces. He recalled in particular, the martyrs of the Jallianwala Bagh massacre, which happened on Baisakhi day in 1919. He offered condolences to people affected by floods in some parts of the country.
- The recently concluded session of Parliament, was one dedicated to the cause of social justice. He noted that India is now the world's sixth largest economy.
- He said that the Union Government had taken decisions which had been pending for long, including higher MSP for farmers, GST, and One Rank – One Pension. He said this has become possible because the Union Government has kept national interest supreme.
- The Prime Minister mentioned how international organizations and agencies were looking at India very differently today, as compared to 2013. He said that from a time of “policy paralysis”, India had moved to “Reform, Perform, Transform.” He said India is now a member of several important multilateral organizations, and is leading the International Solar Alliance.
- The Prime Minister said that the North-East is today in the news for achievements in sports, for connecting the last unconnected villages with electricity, and for becoming a hub of organic farming.
- The Prime Minister mentioned 13 crore loans being disbursed under the Mudra Yojana, and four crore loans out of this number, being disbursed to first time beneficiaries of such loans.
- The Prime Minister said that India is proud of its scientists. He announced “Gagan-Yaan” a manned space mission, to be undertaken by India by 2022, using its own capabilities. He said India would become the fourth nation in the world to do so.
- Reiterating the vision to double farmers' incomes by 2022, the Prime Minister asserted that the aim is to accomplish tasks, which seem extremely difficult. He said initiatives such as 'Ujjwala Yojana' and Saubhagya Yojana are providing dignity to the people. He said organizations such as the WHO have appreciated the progress made in the Swachh Bharat Mission.
- Shri Narendra Modi announced the launch of the 'Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Abhiyaan' on 25th September this year – the anniversary of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay.
- It is high time we ensure that the poor of India get access to good quality and affordable healthcare, he asserted. He said this scheme would positively impact 50 crore people.
- The Prime Minister explained how better targeting of government benefits has been achieved by weeding out about 6 crore fake beneficiaries.
- The honest taxpayer of India has a major role in the progress of the nation, he said, adding that it is due to them that so many people are fed, and the lives of the poor are transformed.
- The Prime Minister asserted that the corrupt, and those who have black money would not be forgiven. He said that Delhi's streets are now free from power brokers, and the voice of the poor is heard.
- The Prime Minister announced that women officers of Short Service Commission in the Indian Armed Forces would now be eligible for permanent commission through a transparent selection process.
- Noting that the practice of Triple Talaq has caused great injustice among Muslim women the Prime Minister assured Muslim women that he will will work to ensure that justice is done to them.
- The Prime Minister spoke of the decline in Left Wing Extremism in the country. He reiterated former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee's vision of “Insaniyat, Jamhooriyat, Kashmiriyat,” for the State of Jammu and Kashmir.
- He emphasized on the vision of Housing for All, Power for All, Clean Cooking for All, Water for All, Sanitation for All, Skill for All, Health for All, Insurance for All, and Connectivity for All. ■

Prime Minister's Address on 73rd Independence Day, 15 August, 2019

'NATION WRITING ITS OWN DESTINY'



P rime Minister Shri Narendra Modi addressed to the Nation from the ramparts of the Red Fort on the 73rd Independence Day on 15 August, 2019. Addressing the nation he said that the campaign on Water conservation should not just remain a government initiative. He added, It should become a people's movement like our 'Swacchh Bharat Abhiyan'. Today, when we are celebrating this auspicious day of Independence, I pay my respects to all those who gave up their lives, who spent their youth in prisons, who embraced the gallows, who instilled the spirit of non-violence through Satyagraha for the freedom of the country.

HIGHLIGHTS

- After the formation of the new government, I am humbled once again with the opportunity to interact with you. It has not even been 10 weeks since the formation of this new Government.
- But even in a short ten-week period, efforts have been made in all fields and in every direction, new dimensions have been added. People have

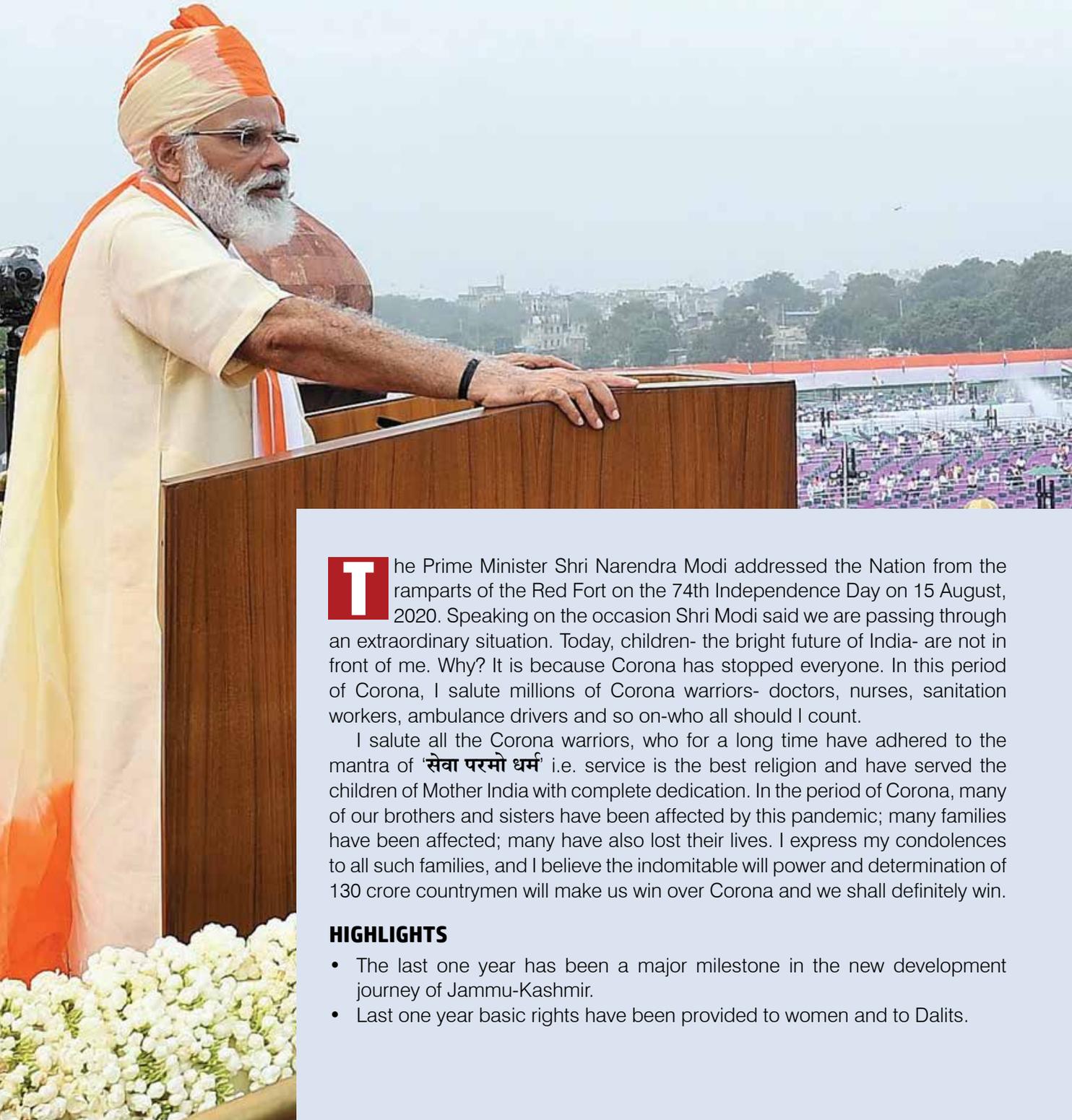


entrusted us to serve them so that they can achieve their hopes, expectations and aspirations.

- We are dedicated to your service with complete devotion, without wasting even a single moment.
- To revoke Article 370 and 35A within 10 weeks is a significant step towards fulfilling the dream of Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel.
- In just ten weeks, we made big ticket decisions like bringing about a law against Triple Talaq to protect the rights of our Muslim women, making major amendments in laws to counter terrorism and to make it more stringent and powerful; transfer of approximately 90,000 crores of rupees to the bank accounts of farmers who are beneficiaries of PM Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana.
- Water crisis is a big concern these days. It is being predicted that an impending water crisis is staring us in the face. Anticipating such a situation, we have announced the formation of a new dedicated Ministry of Jal Shakti where the Centre and States will together develop schemes and policies to address issues of water crisis.
- What was the reason behind revocation of Article 370 and 35A? This is the hallmark of this government. We do not avoid problems, nor do we let them fester. There is no time to delay or neglect problems. The work that was not done in the last 70 years has been accomplished within 70 days after this new government came to power.
- The abrogation of Article 370 and 35A has been carried out in both Rajya Sabha and Lok Sabha by two-thirds majority. This means that everyone wanted this decision, but perhaps they were waiting for somebody to initiate the same and carry it forward. I have come to accomplish the task assigned to me by my countrymen.
- I work selflessly. We are moving forward with re-organization of Jammu and Kashmir. For 70 years every government made efforts to do something.
- We have to make efforts so that my Dalit brothers and sisters living there, get the rights which they have been deprived of so far. The rights enjoyed by the tribal people of India must also be available to my tribal brothers and sisters of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh.
- Through GST we have fulfilled the dream of 'One Nation, One Tax.' Similarly, we successfully achieved the dream of 'One Nation, One Grid' in the energy sector recently.
- Why should poor people not have toilets, no electricity in the house, no house to live in, no water supply and no bank account. Why should they be compelled to go to the moneylender to take loans through mortgage? Come, let us make efforts to boost the self-respect, self-confidence and self-esteem of the poor.
- The (new) government has only completed ten weeks into office, and already (another) 60 laws have been repealed with an aim to bring about 'Ease of Living'. 'Ease of Living' is imperative for an Independent India and we are committed to focus on 'Ease of Living' and want to take it ahead.
- We had reached a 2 trillion dollar economy after 70 years of independence, after 70 years' journey on the path of development we could achieve just a 2 trillion dollar economy. But within five years from 2014 to 2019 we reached a 3 trillion dollar economy i.e we added one trillion dollars. If we succeeded in taking such a big jump in just 5 years, then we can become a 5 trillion dollar economy in the next five years. This must be a dream of every Indian.
- It is time you decide that before 2022, when India will be celebrating the 75th Year of its Independence, we take our families to at least 15 tourist destinations in the country.
- In the coming days about 1.5 lakh wellness centres and health centres will have to be set up in rural areas. Setting up one medical college for every three Lok Sabha constituencies will make us realize the dream of our youth becoming doctors. Houses for more than 2 crore poor people have to be built.
- We have to supply potable drinking water to 15 crore houses in rural areas, construct 1.25 lakh kms roads in rural areas. Each village has to be provided with Broad Band connectivity and connected with optical fibre network, also a network of more than 50000 new start-ups has to be raised. We need to move forward with so many dreams.
- My dear brothers and sisters, we know that our targets are as high as the Himalayas, our dreams are even more than the innumerable stars. But we also know that even skies cannot check the flight of our courage. ■

Prime Minister's Address on 74th Independence Day, 15 August, 2020

'130 CRORE COUNTRYMEN WILL MAKE US WIN OVER CORONA AND WE SHALL DEFINITELY WIN'



The Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi addressed the Nation from the ramparts of the Red Fort on the 74th Independence Day on 15 August, 2020. Speaking on the occasion Shri Modi said we are passing through an extraordinary situation. Today, children- the bright future of India- are not in front of me. Why? It is because Corona has stopped everyone. In this period of Corona, I salute millions of Corona warriors- doctors, nurses, sanitation workers, ambulance drivers and so on-who all should I count.

I salute all the Corona warriors, who for a long time have adhered to the mantra of 'सेवा परमो धर्म' i.e. service is the best religion and have served the children of Mother India with complete dedication. In the period of Corona, many of our brothers and sisters have been affected by this pandemic; many families have been affected; many have also lost their lives. I express my condolences to all such families, and I believe the indomitable will power and determination of 130 crore countrymen will make us win over Corona and we shall definitely win.

HIGHLIGHTS

- The last one year has been a major milestone in the new development journey of Jammu-Kashmir.
- Last one year basic rights have been provided to women and to Dalits.



- Early completion of the delimitation exercise so that there are early elections, there should be Jammu & Kashmir MLAs, its own cabinet, its own Chief Minister so that it can march towards development with a new vigour.
- Lakhs of crores of rupees would be directly transferred in the Jan Dhan accounts of the poor in the country
- 40 crore Jan Dhan accounts opened in the country, about 22 crore accounts are of women only
- At the time of Corona, in April-May-June, about thirty thousand crore of rupees have been directly transferred to the accounts of women in these three months
- One Nation-One Ration Card, One Nation - One Tax, Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code and Merger of Banks is the reality of the country today
- 7 crore poor families were given free gas cylinders, more than 80 crore people were provided free food with or without ration cards, about 90 thousand crores were directly transferred to bank accounts
- EMI of home loans & Special fund for stressed projects:
- EMI of a home loan for your home is getting a rebate of up to 6 lakh rupees during the payment period. Just last year, a fund of 25 thousand crore rupees has been established to complete thousands of incomplete houses.
- The priority of a self -reliant India is a self -Reliant farming sector and self- reliant farmers. We have to free them of shackles and we have done that.
- Farmers could not sell their produce in any part of the country or the world according to their wishes on their terms but now these shackles will not be there.
- We have emphasized on several alternative measures to increase the income of farmers. We are constantly working to reduce input cost of farming.
- Prime Minister also announced New Cyber Security Policy. He said, "In this era of technology, our dependence on cyberspace is going to increase multifold. However, cyberspace offers its own risks and threats.
- PM spoke: My dear countrymen, our experience says that whenever there is an opportunity for women power in India, they have brought laurels to the country, strengthened the country.
- Be it the Citizenship Amendment Act for the refugees suffering due to their beliefs, reservation rights for Dalits/Backwards/SCs/STs/OBCs, historic peace agreement in Assam and Tripura, appointment of Chief of Defence staff for making the collective power of armies more effective, or the construction of Kartarpur Sahib Corridor in a record period.
- Today, women are not only working in underground coal mines, but also flying fighter planes, touching new heights in sky.
- Of the 40 crore Jan Dhan accounts opened in the country, about 22 crore accounts are of women only.
- At the time of Corona, in April-May-June, about thirty thousand crores of rupees have been directly transferred to the accounts of women in these three months.
- Education of the country is of great importance in building a self-reliant, modern, New India, an India which will be prosperous and happy.
- And this is the National Education Policy, which will connect our students with the roots. Alongside, it will help them become global citizens.
- Our policies, processes, products- everything must be par excellence, the best, and then only the idea of 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat' can be achieved.
- Today, I am happy to say that every day we are able to supply piped-water to over one lakh houses. And in the last one year, we have been able to provide water to 2 crore families, especially to the tribals living in the forests and far-flung areas.
- Government has taken the decision of providing 6 months paid leave to pregnant women
- Economic empowerment of women. Out of 40 crore Jan Dhan accounts 22 crore accounts belong to women.
- The 'Jal Jeevan Mission' is completing one year.
- Our dream of making available pure drinking water to all the people is getting realized.
- Every day we are able to supply piped-water to over one lakh houses.
- In the last one year, we have been able to provide water to 2 crore families, especially to the tribals living in the forests and far-flung areas. ■

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Speech in SRCC, Delhi University in 2013

WE ARE A NATION OF 'MOUSE-CHARMERS' NOW

Gujarat Chief Minister Shri Narendra Modi exhorted the Students to be a catalyst for the much-needed change in the country while delivering an hour long address at Shri Ram College of Commerce (SRCC) on February 6, 2013.

Addressing the students of SRCC, Delhi University Shri Narendra Modi said, "I think differently." To demonstrate, he held up a glass of water. "Some people say this is half full, others say it is half empty. But I say it's full - half with water and half with air."

2000 students in SRCC - more girls than boys - were packed into the sports complex at the college. Shri Modi, known for his ability to connect with his audience, was bang on target. He appealed to the students to grab opportunities and rise above the politics of caste-based vote bank.

Speaking on 'Emerging business models in the global scenario', Shri Modi said the nation can progress by following 'Gujarat model' based on

P2G2 (Pro-people good governance) principle. The Gujarat Chief Minister said India needs to be branded globally as it was one of the youngest nations in the world, having 65 per cent of its population below the age of 35. Shri Modi urged the youth of the country to stop complaining about the country's economic condition and instead be a part of the positive change. "The reason behind the success of my State is good governance which has come by being pro-people. My experience says our youth must stop complaining about the country's economic state. We don't need to go abroad. There is everything in our country — people, offices, and resources. All we need is to make use of opportunities, then our country can achieve everything," Shri Modi stressed.



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SPEECH

- The youth of the nation has its finger on the mouse of computers and is changing the world. India's journey has gone from 'snake charmers' to 'mouse charmers'.
 - The ambassador of a nation asked me what major challenges India faces and I said the biggest one is that how we use opportunity. When asked what the opportunity was, I said the youth. Europe *buddha ho chuka hai*, China *budha ho chuka hai*.
 - Our country is not poor. We have vast resources, see eastern India is full of them. But we are unable to use that. We are unable to utilise the opportunity.
 - We need P2G2. Pro-People Good governance. Pitching for the role of 'good governance'. The people of the country have sunk into an overwhelming state of pessimism.
 - Even after six decades of freedom, the nation awaits good governance.
 - I believe that the glass is full. One half with water and the other half with air. There is despondency all over country but I am confident we can change the situation.
 - There must be no one in the audience who has chai without doodh from Gujarat in it. All the milk in Delhi is from Gujarat. Milk in Singapore is from Gujarat, Okra in Europe is from Gujarat.
 - If you go to Afghanistan, the people there have tomatoes that come from Gujarat.
 - This nation is being ruined by vote bank politics.
- This nation requires development politics. If we switch to politics of development, we will soon be in a position to bring about lasting change and progress.
- People feel nothing would change here. All are thieves, everything they do is waste. People consider it a curse to be born in India. They want to leave the country soon after completing their studies.
 - A businessman who goes abroad only captures dollars but a teacher influences a whole generation.
 - We have created a university for teachers. I say we have so much youth and export so much, why not export teachers?"
 - The focus should be on the manufacturing sector by making 'zero-defect' products with good packaging. Why shouldn't we make the 'Made in India' tag a statement of quality for our manufactured products?
 - The whole world says 21st century is India's century. Some say it is Asia's century, while some also say it is China's century. I am confident that 21st century can be India's century as knowledge is supreme.
 - Some years ago I launched a product which is now a part of Delhi. I launched a coach of the Delhi Metro! In Delhi all the metro coaches are coming from Gujarat.
 - Youth 'new-age power', not 'new-age voter' alone. Youth have changed the way India is perceived today. ■



Narendra Modi's speech in Central Hall of Parliament in 2014

'I SALUTE ALL THOSE GENERATIONS WHO MADE SACRIFICES FOR NATIONALIST CAUSE'

On May 20, 2014 after being elected as the Leader of the BJP parliamentary party, Shri Narendra Modi delivered nearly a 30-minute acceptance speech in Central Hall. In the speech he declared the Lok Sabha election results represents a new hope for the common man and dedicated his government for the upliftment of the poor, oppressed and deprived. Here is the full text of the speech :

Respected Advaniji, our national president Rajnathji and all Chief Ministers of Bharatiya Janata Party and newly elected members, I am grateful to all of you for having unanimously given me a new responsibility. I am thankful and grateful, particularly to Advaniji and Rajnathji as they have given me blessings.

I was thinking of Atalji's health. Had his health been good, he would have been with us today and his presence would have completed this moment. His blessings are with us and will be with us in future.

We are here in the temple of democracy. We will work with all purity... not for the post but the people of the country. Work and responsibility are the biggest things. I accept the responsibility you have reposed

in me.

For me post is not important, I have not considered that post is important in life but in my view responsibility is the bigger thing.

We will have to dedicate ourselves to fulfill this responsibility. In last September 13, 2013, the BJP parliamentary board gave a responsibility to me and from September 15, I started my work and with full sense of responsibility of a worker. The parishram yagya, which I began at that time and when the campaigning ended on May 10, 2014, I rang up my president and wanted to meet him before going to Ahmedabad. He asked if I was not tired and needed a break but I insisted on reporting to him as the responsibility given to me had been completed on May 10.





And like a disciplined soldier I reported to my president that from September 13 to May 10, I have tried to fulfill my responsibility to the best of my ability. In this campaign, I had to cancel only one event and that too in Ghosi where our district president had died suddenly.

And I told him that as a loyal and committed worker, I am reporting to you on this sacred land. Whatever was given to me, I have tried to do and fulfill the role of a party worker.

After I became Chief Minister, I saw Chief Minister's chamber for the first time. Today also it is the same situation as I have come to this historic Central Hall for the first time.

I salute all freedom fighters and also salute makers of the Constitution of our country as because of them, the world is witnessing the power of democracy. When global leaders called me, I told them about millions of voters of India. They were surprised. It is the power of our Constitution that a poor person belonging to a poor and deprived family is standing here today. This is the power of our Constitution and hallmark of our democratic elections that a common citizen can also reach this height. The BJP's victory and somebody else's loss is a point for debate later. Citizens have realised that this democratic setup can fulfill their aspirations. Their faith in democracy has strengthened further.

A government is a one which thinks about the poor, listens to the poor and which exists for the poor. Therefore, the new government is dedicated to the poor, millions of youth and mothers and daughters who are striving for their respect and honour. Villagers, farmers, Dalits and the oppressed, this government is for them, for their aspirations and this is our responsibility. And this is our responsibility. I have seen new facets of our country in my campaign. I have seen people who had only one piece of clothing on their body but had the BJP's flag. This section is looking at us with hope and aspirations. And therefore, our dream is to fulfill their dreams.

Advaniji has used, I would urge Advaniji not to use that word. He said that Narendra Bhai has done him kripa.

(Breaks down and there is a pause for a few moments)

Please don't use this word. Can a son ever do his

mother kripa? It can never be. Like India is my mother, the same way the BJP is also my mother. And therefore, a son can never do kripa, he can only dedicatedly serve his mother. Kripa is by the party, it has done me the favour of giving me an opportunity to serve it.

Various governments in the past tried to do some good work in their own way for which they deserve appreciation. Whatever good has happened, we will carry it forward. We will give something to the country. People should not become pessimistic. I have not seen television and media, everyone has been analysing this verdict... people have voted for hope. This verdict is of hope. I had said earlier that this election is of hope.

A new hope has arisen in the common man. This is the biggest significance of this election results.

But by giving the BJP an absolute majority they have voted for hope and trust. People have voted for hope and faith and I will do everything to fulfill their aspirations. There should be no room for pessimism and because with pessimism nothing can be achieved. The government's motto will be to be with everyone and for everyone's development. This is the time for new hope and strength.

An era of responsibility has begun. In 2019, I will meet the MPs again with a report card. My government is not for myself but for the country. The government is for the poor and we want to do something for them.

I will strive my best to fulfill the responsibility you have reposed in me. You will never have to look down on the work it will do.

We were not fortunate to have died for the country, but for every citizen born in independent India, he should dedicate himself to live for the country. Every moment of our lives and every speck of our body should be dedicated to 125 crore people of this country, we have to carry this dream. The country will then progress rapidly.

I am by nature an optimist. It is written in my DNA. Disappointment does not just gel with me. On this occasion, I wish to repeat what I had said in my speech in a college here. Just see this glass of water, some say that it is half filled with water and some say it is half empty. My thinking is of third type. I say this glass is half filled with water and half with air. You may be seeing it half empty but I don't see it that way. That's why I say that I am by nature an optimist. And



for traversing a constructive path, it is important and essential to be an optimist. Only an optimistic person can bring and instill hope in the country. Pessimistic persons can never give hope to the country. Adverse times and hardships do come in everybody's life. In 2001 when earthquake struck Gujarat, we were all stricken by death and there was destruction everywhere. Everyone the world over thought it was all over. But in no time, Gujarat once again stood up on its feet. We will have to leave pessimism behind. Who says that such an aware democratic country — the largest in the world cannot move forward? If 125 crore Indians resolve to take one step forward, the entire country will travel 125 crore steps forward.

Which is the other country in the world which has six seasons? This land of ours is blessed, our land is fertile, full of natural resources. People from our country go abroad and earn name and fame, we only have to give opportunity to them here.

In this election, we stressed on two things — sabka saath, sabka vikas. We want everyone's progress and development but it is as important that we take everybody along with us. This election symbolised new hope, I have such

able colleagues with me and with guidance from my senior leaders, I have full faith that the responsibility which was given to me on September 13, 2013 and which was completed on May 16, 2014 and with the new responsibility given to me today, I assure you that when we meet in 2019, I will place before you my report card. I will try and achieve the pinnacle of perseverance and hard work.

The coming year 2015-16 is important to us all, it will be Pandit Deendayal Updhyaya's centenary year, chairaveti, chaireveti mantra was given by him and this led to establishing a system of sacrifice and hard work. We have to think about how to fulfill his dreams and work and strive to fulfill them. Party and the government should also think about this as to how to celebrate this coming

event. Antyodaya, the service of the downtrodden, that is what Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya had stressed. That is why I say that this government is for the poor and deprived. In global perspective also, this election of India and its results are being viewed in a very constructive and positive manner. And the first message that goes out to the world is that it is not important that millions of people have made some party victorious or made someone a prime minister. But it is important that millions have given a good mandate and have held India's position high in the world that is the message of these elections. Who won and who lost is not important. These are the results which will attract the world to India and to its democratic traditions, and capabilities. Hope has been kindled in a common citizen of India and the same hope has arisen in humanitarian forces in the world. This is a very good sign.

Brothers and sisters, once again I express my gratitude to millions of workers who have toiled hard for this victory. Modi which is before you and which you can see is because Modi is hoisted by senior leaders of my party on their shoulders. Whatever we have achieved today, is because of sacrifices made by past five generations. Jan Sangh was not known to the people, some thought

it is a social, cultural organisation. Today, I salute all those generations who made sacrifices for nationalist causes. We should not forget that we are here today because of sacrifices made by the past generations.

This victory is of millions of our workers. If we think like this, there will not be any opportunity for our society and party to have any complaints. BJP is the party which relies on its strong organisation, that is our strength and none of us is either away or above the organisation.

You have given me this new responsibility, Advaniji has given me blessings. You have reposed faith in me and have expectations from me and I assure you that you will not have any occasion of feeling let down. Once again, I thank you all. ■

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Speech at BJP Headquarters after 2019 Lok Sabha Election Victory

‘130 CRORE CITIZENS OF THE COUNTRY STOOD “FOR INDIA” AND VOTED “FOR INDIA”’

Following the resounding victory in the 2019 Lok Sabha elections, addressing the nation from the Bharatiya Janata Party national headquarters in New Delhi PM Shri Narendra Modi on May, 2019 said the 130 crore citizens of the country stood “for India” and voted “for India.” Thousands of Party Karyakartas were present at the venue who had waited amid a steady drizzle to listen to him and were cheering, clapping, whistling and chanting “Modi, Modi, Modi”, which reverberated the thrilling atmosphere of BJP headquarters after it became evident that BJP led NDA was on its way to an unprecedented and historic electoral triumph. Speaking to the supporters Shri Modi appealed to party workers to show humility, take everyone along and resolved not to take any step out of ill intent.

Shri Modi said he might at times commit a mistake but he will not do anything with bad intent. He also advised workers and supporters to show restraint. The highlights of the speech are following:

- “We have to move ahead. We have to take everyone with us, even our opponents. We have to work for the benefit of the country.
- You have filled this fakir’s bag with a lot of hope. All your hopes, dreams, ambitions are dependent on it.
- I am committed to devote every moment of my time and every fiber of my being for the people of India.
- The country will now have only two castes — the poor and those who want to alleviate poverty. His government’s responsibility would be to help not only the poor, but also those who want to lift people out of poverty. Voters have dealt a huge blow to the parties doing politics in the names of castes.
- People are chanting Modi, Modi. But this is not

a victory of Modi, it is the victory of people who are desperate for honesty in the system.

- The victory is of toiling farmers who struggle to feed the nation, of those who now live in proper houses, of the middle class that follows the rules, pays taxes, but wondered if his taxes were being used for the benefit of the country. In the last five years, people have realized that the money they are contributing in taxes has been put to nation-building.
- I will not do anything for myself. I will devote every moment of my time and every fiber of my being for my countrymen.
- Whenever you judge me, judge me on these three parameters. If I fall short on these, curse me. But I assure my countrymen that what I have said in public I will do my best to fulfill.
- BJP led NDA government is committed to the spirit of federalism, follow the constitution and take everyone along as the country is run with consensus. Shri Modi said the 2019 election was a rare one where corruption and inflation were not planks on which the opposition fought.
- This was the first one in which any political party could not level even one charge of corruption.
- The verdict has vindicated his view that it was not parties but people who fought this election. He likened the elections with the Mahabharata.
- Krishna was asked after the war which side he supported and he answered that he stood for Hastinapur, and people have spoken in the elections that they stood for India.
- This win is of people who are pining for an honest government, a victory of those who has for the last 70 years lacked even the most basic amenities, like toilets.
- My government is committed to providing housing for all by 2022. ■

Speech at 'Howdy Modi', Houston in USA, 2019

'WE ARE AIMING HIGH, WE ARE ACHIEVING HIGHER'

P rime Minister Shri Narendra Modi addressed a huge gathering of over fifty thousand people at the 'Howdy Modi' event at NRG stadium in Houston, USA on 22 September, 2019. Prime Minister Shri Modi was joined by the President of United States of America, Mr. Donald J Trump.

Addressing the massive gathering, Prime Minister said that new history and new chemistry are being made at the venue in Houston. "The presence of Donald Trump and the senators talking about India's

progress is a respect to the achievement of the 1.3 billion Indians", Prime Minister said. He added that the energy at the stadium shows the increasing synergy between India and United States. excerpts of the speech.

- On behalf of every Indian I would like to extend a hearty welcome to them also.
- The name of this program is Howdy Modi, but Modi alone is nothing. I am an ordinary person working as per the wishes of 130 crore Indians.





And so when you have asked Howdy Modi, then my heart says the answer to that really is- All is well in India.

- Unity in diversity is our heritage, this is our specialty. This diversity of India is the very basis of our Vibrant Democracy. This is our source of power and inspiration. Wherever we go, we carry the rites of diversity and democracy along with us.
- Indians are identified by their virtue of patience but now we are impatient for the development of the country and to take the country to newer heights in the 21st century. Today India's most popular word is development, today India's biggest mantra is - 'Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas'. Today, India's biggest policy is public participation. Today, the most popular slogan of India is accomplishment by way of resolve and today India's biggest resolve is - New India.
- Today India is working day-night to fulfill the dream



of 'New India' and the most important thing in it is that we are not competing with anyone but ourselves.

- Today, India wants to move ahead faster than ever. Today, India is challenging the thinking of some people, whose thinking was that nothing can change.

- We are aiming high, we are achieving higher.

- Today, when people are not worried about basic necessities, they are able to dream big and are putting all their energies in the direction of achieving them.

- 'Ease of Doing Business' is important for us as much as the Ease of Living and its path is empowerment.
- This cheap data is becoming a new identity of Digital India in India. Cheap data has also redefined governance in India.
- We have given as much importance to the welfare as we have given to the farewell. On this 2 October, when the country celebrates the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, India will give farewell to open defecation.
- India has also given farewell to over 1500 very old and archaic laws in the last five years. The web of dozens of taxes in India also used to create a hindrance for fostering a business friendly environment.
- That is the issue of Article 370. Article 370 had deprived the people of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh from development and equal rights. Forces of terrorism and separatism were taking advantage of the situation. The rights given by the Constitution of India to the rest of Indians are now available to the people of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh too.
- A lot is happening in India, a lot is changing and we are moving ahead with our intentions that we have to do a lot more.
- Our forward march for a better future is going to grow at a much faster pace now. All of you my friends are an important part of this, the driving force behind it. You are far away from your country, but the government of your country is not far from you.
- In the last five years, we have changed both the meaning of dialogue and the way of communication with the Indian diaspora. Now the Embassy and Consulate of India abroad are not just a government office but your first partners.
- The government is also continuously working to protect the interests of our friends working abroad. MADAD, e-migrate, pre-departure training before going abroad, improvement of insurance scheme for overseas Indians, facility of OCI card to all the PIO cardholders, and many such things have been done which have helped overseas Indians both before and after going abroad. ■

IT IS TIME TO BECOME VOCAL FOR OUR LOCAL PRODUCTS AND MAKE THEM GLOBAL

P rime Minister Shri Narendra Modi addressed the nation on 12 May ,2020. Prime Minister said that the crisis that has emerged due to COVID-19 is unprecedented, but in this battle, we not only need to protect ourselves but also have to keep moving forward. He said Bold reforms across sectors would drive the country's push towards self-reliance.

- Friends, a virus has destroyed the world. Crores of people around the world are facing a crisis. World all over is engaged in a battle to save precious lives. We have never seen or heard of such a crisis. This crisis is unthinkable as well as unprecedented for mankind.
- Friends, we have been hearing since the last century that the 21st century belongs to India. We have seen how the world was before Corona and the global systems in detail. Even after the infliction of the Corona crisis, we are constantly watching the situation as it unfolds across the globe. When we look at these two periods from India's perspective, it seems that the 21st century is the century for India. This is not our dream, rather a responsibility for all of us.
- The state of the world today teaches us that a (AtmaNirbhar Bharat) "Self-reliant India" is the only path .It is said in our scriptures - Eshah Panthah - That is - self-sufficient India.
- When the Corona crisis started, there was not a single PPE kit made in India. The N-95 masks were



produced in small quantity in India. Today we are in a situation to produce 2 lakh PPE and 2 lakh N-95 masks daily. We were able to do this because India turned this crisis into an opportunity. This vision of India - turning crisis into opportunity- is going to prove equally effective for our resolve of self-reliant India.

- India's fundamental thinking provides a ray of hope to world. The culture and tradition of India speaks of self-reliance and the soul is VasudhaivaKutumbakam.
- India does not advocate self-centric arrangements when it comes to self-reliance. India's self-reliance is ingrained in the happiness, cooperation and peace of the world.
- This is the culture which believes in the welfare of the world, for all the living creatures and the one which considers the whole world as a family. Its premise is 'माता भूमिः पृथ्वी अहम् पृथिव्यः' - the culture that considers the earth to be the mother. And when the

Bharat Bhumi, becomes self-sufficient, it ensures the possibility of a prosperous world. India's progress has always been integral to the progress of the world.

- Friends, this magnificent building of self-reliant India will stand on five Pillars. First Pillar is Economy, an economy that brings Quantum Jump rather than Incremental change. Second Pillar is Infrastructure, an infrastructure that became the identity of modern India. Third Pillar is Our System. A system that is driven by technology which can fulfill the dreams of the 21st century; a system not based on the policy



of the past century. Fourth Pillar is Our Demography. Our Vibrant Demography is our strength in the world's largest democracy, our source of energy for self-reliant India. The fifth pillar is Demand. The cycle of demand and supply chain in our economy, is the strength that needs to be harnessed to its full potential. In order to increase demand in the country and to meet this demand, every stake-holder in our supply chain needs to be empowered. We will strengthen our supply chain, our supply system built up with the smell of the soil and the sweat of our labourers.

- Friends, amidst the Corona crisis, I am announcing today a special economic package with a new resolution. This economic package will serve as an important link in the 'AtmaNirbhar Bharat Abhiyan' (Self Reliant India Campaign)'.
• This economic package is for our cottage industry, home industry, our small-scale industry, our MSME, which is a source of livelihood for millions of people, which is the strong foundation of our resolve for a self-reliant India. This economic package is for that labourer of the country, for the farmers of the country who are working day and night for the countrymen in every situation, every season. This economic package is for the middle class of our country, which pays taxes honestly and contributes to the development of the country. This economic package is for Indian industries, which are determined to give a boost to the economic potential of India. Starting tomorrow, over the next few days, the Finance Minister will give you detailed information about this economic package inspired by the 'Self-reliant India campaign'.
• Friends, it is now imperative for the country to move forward with the commitment of Bold Reforms to create a self-reliant India. You have also experienced that as a result of the reforms over the past 6 years, today even in this time of crisis; India's systems have looked more efficient. Otherwise, who could have thought that the money sent by Government of India will reach directly in the pocket of the poor farmer! But it has happened. That also happened when all the government offices were closed; the means of transport were shut down. This was just a reform related to Janadhar-Aadhaar-Mobile-JAM's Trishakti, the effect of which we have just seen.

Now the scope of the reforms has to be broadened, giving a new height. These reforms will encourage business, attract investment and strengthen our resolve for Make in India.

- Friends, self-reliance is possible only through inner strength and self-belief. Self-reliance also prepares the country for a tough competition in the global supply chain. And today it is the need of the hour that India should play a big role in the global supply chain.
• Friends, the Corona crisis has also explained to us the importance of Local manufacturing, Local market and Local supply chain. In times of crisis, this Local has fulfilled our demand, this Local has saved us. Local is not just the need, it is our responsibility also. Time has taught us that we must make the Local as a mantra of our life. The Global Brands you feel today were sometimes also very local like this. But when people started using them, started promoting them, branding them, proud of them, they became Global from Local Products. Therefore, from today every Indian has to become vocal for their local, not only to buy local products, but also to promote them proudly. I am confident that our country can do this. Your efforts have increased my reverence for you every time. I recollect one thing with pride. When I requested you and the nation to buyKhadi and said it will be a great support to our handloom workers. Today, the demand and sales of both Khadi and handloom have reached record levels in a very short time. Not only that, you also made it a big brand. It was a very small effort, but the result was very good.
• Friends, In our culture, it is said 'सर्वम् आत्म वशं सुखम्' i.e. what is in our control, is happiness. Self-reliance leads to happiness, satisfaction and empowerment. Our responsibility to make the 21st century, the century of India, will be fulfilled by the pledge of self-reliant India. This responsibility will only get energy from the life force of 130 crore citizens. This era of self-reliant India will be a new vow for every Indian as well as a new festival. Now we have to move forward with a new resolve and determination. When ethics are filled with duty, the culmination of diligence, the capital of skills, then who can stop India from becoming self-reliant? We can make India a self-reliant nation. We will make India self-reliant. With this resolve, with this belief, I wish you the very best. ■

Prime Minister's address to Indian Armed Forces at Leh

'YOUR SPIRIT IS UNPARALLEL IN THE WORLD'

P rime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 3 July 2020 addressed Indian Armed Forces in Leh. Addressing the forces Shri Modi said that the entire Ladakh, the crown of India, is a symbol of respect for 130 crore Indians. The full text of the speech is following:

Bharat Mata ki Jai!

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Your courage, valour, and dedication to protect Mother India's honour are incomparable. Your spirit is unparallel in the world. The difficult conditions and the height in which you work as a shield to protect and serve the motherland, no one can beat that!

Your courage is greater than the heights where you are posted. Your determination is stronger than the valley you walk on daily. Your arms are as strong as the rocks around you. Your willpower is as strong as the surrounding mountains. I can feel it being present amidst you today. I can see it with my own eyes!

The responsibility of the country's safety

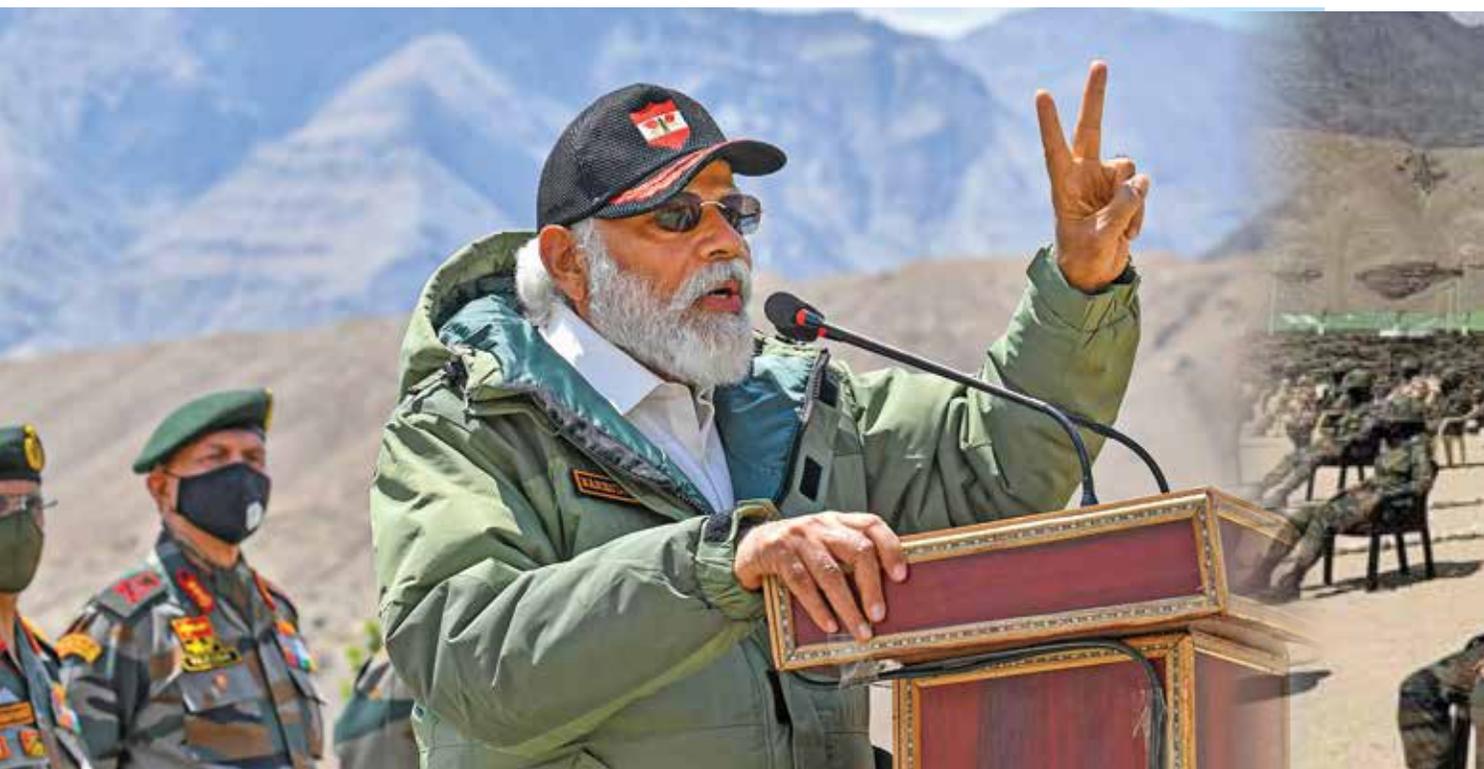
and protection is in your hands and your strong determination, so there is an unwavering confidence. Not just me, the whole nation reposes an unwavering confidence and the country is reassured. Your presence on the border motivates every countryman to work day and night for the country. The resolve of self-reliant India becomes stronger because of you, your sacrifice and efforts. And now you and your friends with their bravery have given out the message to the whole world about India's strength.

Right now I can also see women soldiers in front of me. In the battlefield, this scene on the border in itself is a source of inspiration.

the national poet Ramdhari Singh Dinkar ji wrote-
जिनके सिंहाद से सहमी। धरती रही अभी तक डोल।।

कलम, आज उनकी जय बोल। कलम आज उनकी जय बोल।।

So, today I salute you and hail you with my words! I once again pay tributes to my brave soldiers who were martyred in Galwan Valley. Heroes from every corner of the country i.e. from the east, the west, the





north, and the south, have shown their valour. This land is still hailing them for their valour. Today every Indian is bowing down before you and saluting the brave soldiers of the country. Today, every Indian is proud of your bravery and valour.

This land has become auspicious due to the blessings of the Indus. This land has assimilated within it the stories of bravery and valour of the brave sons. From Leh-Ladakh to Kargil and Siachen, from the snowy peaks of Rezang La to the cold water stream of Galwan valley, every peak, every mountain, every corner, every pebble is a testimony to the might of the Indian soldiers. Everyone knows about the stories of valour of the 14 Corps. The world has seen your indomitable courage. Your heroic stories are echoing from house to house and the enemies of Mother India have seen your fire and your fury as well.

The entire Ladakh, the crown of India, is a symbol of respect for 130 crore Indians. This land is the land of the patriots who are always ready to sacrifice for India. This soil has produced great patriots like Kushok Bakula Rinponche. It was Rinponche ji who had mobilized the local people against the nefarious designs of the enemy. Every conspiracy to create secession here has been foiled by the patriotic people of Ladakh led by Rinpoche. As a result of his inspiring efforts, the country and the Indian Army were inspired to create an infantry regiment called Ladakh Scout.

Today, the people of Ladakh are making wonderful contributions to strengthen the nation at every level – be it in the army or while performing the duties of ordinary citizens.

There is a saying-

खड्गेन आक्रम्य वंदिता आक्रमणः पुणिया, वीर भोग्य वसुंधरा

That is, a brave-heart protects the motherland with the power of his weapons. This land is for the brave. Our support, strength and resolve for its defence and security are as high as the Himalayas. I can see this ability and resolve in your eyes right now. It is clearly visible on your faces. You are the heroes of the same land that has repulsed the attacks and atrocities of many invaders for thousands of years. This is our identity. We are the people who worship Lord Krishna who plays flute. We are also the same people who follow Sudarshan Chakradhari Krishna as an ideal. With this inspiration, India has emerged stronger after every attack.

Everyone believes that peace and friendship are important for the progress of the nation, the world and humanity. But we also know that the weak can never bring peace. The weak cannot initiate peace. Bravery is the precondition for peace. If India is growing its power at all levels i.e. water, land, sky and space, then the goal behind it is human welfare. India is manufacturing modern weapons today and getting all modern technologies for the Indian Army; and





this is the spirit behind it. If India is building modern infrastructure at a fast pace, then the message behind it is the same.

Whether it is a world war or a peace keeping effort – the world has seen the valour of our heroes and their efforts for world peace whenever needed. We have always worked for the protection of humanity. All of you are the leaders who have established this goal, tradition and this glorious culture of India.

The great Saint Thiruvalluvar Ji had said hundreds of years ago-

**मरमानम मांड वडित्वेलव् तेदम
येना नान्गे येमम पडईवकु**

That is, valour, honour, the tradition of dignified behaviour and credibility are the four qualities that are the reflections of an army of any country. Indian forces have always followed this path.

the era of colonial expansion is over; this is the era of evolution. Evolution is only relevant in rapidly changing times. It is an opportunity for development and development is also the basis for the future. In the previous centuries expansionism has done the greatest harm to humanity and has tried to destroy humanity. The obsession with expansion has always posed a threat to world peace.

And friends, let's not forget, history is a witness to the fact that such forces have been erased or have forced to relent. The world has always had this experience and on the basis of this experience, the whole world now has made up its mind against the policy of expansion. Today the world is devoted to development and is welcoming the open competition for development.

Whenever I think of a decision related to the defence of the nation, I first remember two mothers – firstly Mother India, and secondly those brave mothers who have given birth to mighty warriors like you. This is the criterion of my decision. Following this criterion, the nation gives the highest priority to your honour, the honour of your families and the safety of Mother India.

We have been paying a lot of attention to all the modern weapons for the armies or the equipment needed by you. Now the expenditure on border infrastructure in the country has been almost tripled. This has also led to the development of border area and construction of roads and bridges along the

border at a rapid pace. One of the biggest benefits of this is that now the goods reach you in a short time.

For better coordination in the armed forces, which had long been expected – be it the formation of the post of Chief of Defence or the creation of the National War Memorial or the decision of One Rank One Pension or the continuous work for the right arrangements ranging from the care of your family to education, the country has been strengthening its forces and soldiers at every level today.

Friends, Lord Gautam Buddha has said-

Courage is about commitment and conviction. Courage is compassion. Courage is what teaches us to stand boldly and steadfast for the truth. Courage is what gives us the strength to say and do what is right.

The indomitable courage shown by the valiant sons of the country in the Galwan valley is the depiction of utmost might. The country is proud of you. Along with you, our ITBP personnel, BSF partners, BRO and other organizations, engineers and other workers are working under difficult conditions. You all are doing an amazing job! Everyone together is dedicated to protecting and serving Mother India.

Today, the country is fighting many disasters simultaneously and with great persistence due to your hard work. Seeking inspiration from all of you, let us together keep conquering every challenge, the most difficult challenges. All of you are protecting the country at the borders. We will together build the India of our dreams. We will build the India of your dreams. I have come to assure you today that the 130 crore countrymen will not stay behind. We will create a strong and a self-reliant India and we will do so! And after getting inspired by you, the resolve of a self-reliant India becomes even more powerful.

I once again congratulate all of you from the bottom of my heart, thank you very much! Say aloud with me-

Bharat Mata ki Jai!

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Vande Mataram – Vande Mataram – Vande Mataram!!

Thank you! ■

Address on the Occasion of Bhoomi Pujan at Ayodhya, UP

‘RAM JANMABHOOMI HAS BECOME FREE FROM THE CENTURIES-OLD CHAIN OF DESTRUCTION AND RESURRECTION’

P rime Minister Shri Narendra Modi performed Bhoomi Pujan at ‘Shree Ram Janmabhoomi Mandir’ at Ayodhya on August 5, 2020. Speaking on the occasion, Prime Minister congratulated fellow countrymen and Ram Bhakts all across the world on the holy occasion. Terming it as historic, he said that India is starting a glorious chapter today, when people all across the country are

excited and emotional to have finally achieved what they had been waiting for centuries, several of whom are scarcely able to believe that they are witnessing this day in their lifetime. The full text of the speech is following:

Siyawar Ramachandra ki Jai!

Hail Lord Rama!

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Hail Lord Rama! Hail Lord Rama! Hail Lord Rama!
Jai Siyaram! Jai Siyaram! Jai Siyaram!

Today this call is reverberating not only in this Ayodhya the city of Lord Rama, but its resonance is being felt across the entire globe. On this monumental occasion, I extend my heartfelt greetings to all the ardent devotees of Lord Rama, my fellow countrymen and the crores of Indian nationals spread across the continents.

My greetings to the eminent dignitaries on the dais- the enthusiastic, proactive and celebrated Chief Minister of UP Shriman Yogi Adityanath, Governor of UP Srimati Anandi Ben Patel ji, Parampujya Mahant Nriya Gopaldasji Maharaj, our dear reverend Shri Mohan Rao Bhagwat ji, great and learned saints and gurus, epitomes of austerity who have come today from all corners of the country and my dear fellow Indians.

I feel highly obliged to be invited by Shri Ram Janmbhumi Trust on this auspicious and historic occasion. I am deeply indebted to the trust for this honour. Of course it wasn't an occasion to be missed as we say " **राम काजू कीन्हे बिनु मोहि कहीं विश्राम॥** (Ram Kaju keenhe Mohi KahanVishram)" meaning "After all how can I rest without accomplishing the work assigned by Lord Rama".

India is witnessing a golden historic moment

with the blessings of the mighty Lord Bhaskara on the banks of the auspicious river Saryu. Across the length and breadth of India, from Kanyakumari to Ksheer Bhawani, from Koteswar to Kamakhya, from Jagannath to Kedarnath, from Somnath to Kashi Vishwanath, Samet Shikhar to Shrawan Belagola, from Bodhgaya to Sarnath, from Amritsar to Patna Sahib, from Andaman to Ajmer, from Lakshadweep to Leh, the entire country is encompassed by and for Lord Rama!

The whole country is ecstatic and each heart is illuminated. Entire country is emotional and overwhelmed to be a part of history and witness this long awaited historic moment.

The centuries of wait is getting over today. Crores of Indians, I am sure are unable to believe that they could be a part of such a momentous occasion in their lifetimes.

Ladies and gentlemen, dignitaries, the time has come when a proper temple can be provided to the deity of Lord Rama by moving it from the make shift tent and canopy, where it was kept for decades. A grand temple will now be built for our Lord Rama.

Today, the Ram Janmabhoomi has become free from the centuries-old chain of destruction and resurrection.

Chant with me once again ... Hail Lord Ram, Hail





Lord Ram.

Friends, several generations devoted themselves completely during our freedom struggle. There was never a moment during the period of slavery that there was not a movement for freedom. There was not a place in our country where sacrifices were not made for the freedom. 15th August is the embodiment of sacrifices of the lakhs of people and a deep yearning for the independence.

Similarly, several generations have made self-less sacrifices for several centuries for the construction of the Ram Temple. Today marks the culmination of that centuries-old penance, sacrifices and resolve. There was sacrifice, dedication and resolve during the movement for the construction of the Ram Temple and that dream is being realized today because of their sacrifices and struggle. I, on behalf of the 130 crore people of the country, salute them and bow before them for their sacrifices which have led to the foundation of the Ram Temple. Today, all the powers of the Universe, everybody who was involved in the sacred struggle for the construction of the Ram Temple, are watching this programme. They are all very happy and blessing this occasion.

Friends, Lord Ram is entrenched in our hearts. Whenever we undertake any work, we look upon to Lord Rama for inspiration. Look at the phenomenal powers of Lord Rama. Buildings collapsed, every attempt was made to erase the existence ... but Lord Rama is fully embedded in our hearts. Lord Rama is the foundation of our culture; he is the dignity of India. He personifies dignity. It is with this splendour that the "bhoomipujan" (ground-breaking) ceremony of the grand temple of Sri Ram has taken place.

Before reaching here, I paid my visit to Hanumangarhi. Hanuman Ji takes care of the work of Lord Rama.

Hanuman Ji has the responsibility to preserve

the ideals of Lord Rama in this Kaliyug. The Ground Breaking ceremony of the Shri Ram JanmaBhoomi began with the blessings of Lord Hanuman.

Shree Ram Temple would be the modern symbol of our culture and I am intentionally using the word 'modern'. It will symbolise our eternal hope. It will epitomise our national feeling. This temple will be the emblem of collective will power of millions of people. This shrine would inspire hope, devotion and determination in the minds of future generation.

Once the shrine is constructed, not only the grandeur of Ayodhya would become multi-fold but the entire economy of this region would undergo massive transformation. There would be new avenues & new opportunities in every sector. Imagine

people from across the world would visit here. Entire world would come here for the darshan of Lord Rama and Goddess Sita. How radically things will transform here!

Fellow mates, the construction of Shree Ram Temple is a task to unite the entire nation. This celebration is an occasion to unite the belief with the reality, man with Supreme God, mankind with conviction, present with past, and

self with ethos.

Today's historical moment would be recounted across the globe for ages and bring laurels our country. This day is the proof of the honesty of the millions of determined devotees of Shree Ram.

This day is a unique gift from the law abiding India to truth, non-violence, faith & sacrifice.

Owing to the situation caused by the Corona pandemic, this occasion of BhoomiPoojan is being organised with a strict decorum. The nation has displayed the decorum that should befit any work concerning Lord Rama and provided a perfect example to it.

We displayed a similar discipline when the Supreme Court pronounced the historic decision.

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Back then we witnessed how the entire nation accepted the decision peacefully and graciously keeping in mind the sensitivities of everybody. Even today we are experiencing the similar peaceful conduct.

Fellow mates, with the enshrining of this temple not only a new history is being written, but also history is repeating itself. Just as a squirrel, monkeys as well a ferryman and those living in forests played important role in the victory of Lord Ram; just as the animal herders had helped Sri Krishna in lifting the Govardhan hill; just as Mavale was important in Chatrapati Shivaji's conquest of establishing Swaraj; just as the poor and the backward people played a crucial role in Maharaja Suheldev's fight against the foreign invaders; just as the dalits, downtrodden, tribals and all walks of society assisted Gandhi ji in the fight for independence, in a similar manner, the pious task of the construction of Ram Temple began today with the support of the people of India.

Just like, the Ram Setu was built with stones engraved with the name of Sri Rama, similarly, the rocks brought with penance & devotion from every household & village have become the source of energy here.

Sacred Soil and water from all the major religious sites and sacred rivers across the nation, the culture and spirit of those places has become the unique strength of this place today.

Indeed it is in line with this saying -

न भूतो न भविष्यति ।

This devotion of India and the unity of the people of India and this great strength of the Unity of India is something that the world needs to study & analyse.

Sri Ramachandra's agility has been compared to the sun; his forgiving nature is comparable to the earth, his wisdom is considered equivalent to that

of Brihaspati and he is considered equal to Indra in terms of fame.

The nature of Lord Rama epitomises unwavering truth & honesty and hence Lord Rama is considered the absolute.

That's why he has remained the source of inspiration for India for thousands of years. Lord Ram made social harmony as the keystone of his rule.

He received knowledge from Guru Vashistha, love from Kevat, the motherly love from Shabari, support & cooperation from Hanuman Ji and forest dwellers and confidence from the people.

In fact, he accepted the significance of a squirrel with a great delight. His wonderful personality, his heroism, generosity, integrity, patience, perspective, and philosophical vision will continue to inspire the several generations to come.

Rama had equal love for his people but he had a special attention towards the poor and the

oppressed.

Therefore, Mother Sita used to say for Ram ji..

दीन दयाल बिरिदु संभारी ।

That is, Sri Rama is the support of the poor and the oppressed.

There is no such segment in anyone's life which is untouched by Lord Rama's inspiration. There is no corner of India which doesn't reflect Lord Rama

Rama is in the faith of India, Rama is in the ideals of India, Rama is in India's divinity, Rama resides in India's philosophy!

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Tulsi's Rama was with form (sagun) while Nanak & Kabir's Rama was formless (nirgun).

Lord Buddha was also connected to Lord Ram. At the same time, this city of Ayodhya has also been the center of Jain religion for centuries. This is the ubiquity of Ram, it reflects the unity in diversity that is of India!

In Tamil, we have Kamb Ramayana while in Telugu we have Raghunath and Ranganath Ramayana.

We have Rujpad-Katerpadi Ramayan in Odiya, while there is Kumudendu Ramayana in Kannada. In Kashmir, you will find Ramavatar Charit while Ramacharitam in Malayalam.

In Bangla, we have Krittibas Ramayana while Guru Gobind Singh has himself written Gobind Ramayana.

You will find Rama in different forms, in the different

Ramayanas, but Ram is present everywhere, Rama is for all. That is why, Rama is the connecting link in India's 'unity in diversity'.

Friends, many countries of the world are saluting Lord Rama, their citizens believe themselves to be affiliated to Lord Rama.

Indonesia is the country that has the maximum number of muslims in the world. They are having various unique versions of Ramayana i.e. 'Kakawin Ramayana', 'Swarnadeep Ramayana', 'Yogeshwar Ramayana' just like our country. Lord Rama is venerated & adored there even today.

There are 'Ramker Ramayana' in Cambodia, 'Fra Lak Fra Lam Ramayana' in Lao, 'Hikayat Seri Ram' in Malaysia and 'Ramaken' in Thailand.

You will find description of Lord Rama and Rama Katha even in Iran and China.

In Sri Lanka, the katha of Ramayana is taught & sung in the name of 'Janaki Harana' i.e. Abduction of Janaki. Nepal is directly connected to Lord Rama through Mata Janaki.





There are many more countries and parts of the world, where Lord Rama venerated owing to their faith or past!

Even today, there are many countries outside India, where Rama Katha (Saga of Lord Rama) is popular in their traditions.

I am sure that the people of these countries will also be feeling pleased on the occasion of the beginning of construction of temple of Lord Rama.

After all, Lord Rama belongs to all and lives in all.

Friends, I am sure this grand temple being constructed in Ayodhya will be an indicator of rich heritage of Indian culture as good as Lord Rama.

I am sure that Ram Mandir being constructed here will continue to inspire the entire humankind till many years to come. Therefore, we need to ensure that the message of Lord Rama, Ram Temple and our tradition of thousands of years reaches to the entire world till years to come.

It is the responsibility of present generation and future generations to make world familiar with our knowledge, our way of life.

Keeping this in mind, 'Rama Circuit' is being created in the country, following the holy trail of Rama.

Ayodhya is the town of Lord Rama himself. Lord





Rama himself has described the glory of Ayodhya
“जन्मभूमि मम पृथ्वी सुहावनि ।।” i.e “My birthplace Ayodhya is the city of supernatural beauty.”

I am happy that many historic works are undertaken to enhance glory and divinity of the birthplace of Lord Rama.

Friends, it has been mentioned in the scriptures, the holy books that “न राम सदृश्यो राजा, प्रतिभ्याम नीतिवान् अभूत्।” that is there was no ruler who was as virtuous as Lord Rama in the entire world.

Lord Rama teaches – “no one should be sad, no one should remain poor”.

Lord Rama gives social message that all the people, both men & women should be equally happy.

Lord Rama gives message “Farmers, Cowherds should always remain happy”.

Lord Rama orders “the old, the children and the doctors should always be protected.”

Lord Rama calls for protecting the one who seeks refuge is the responsibility of all.

The slogan of Lord Rama is “our motherland is superior than heaven also”

And Brothers and Sisters, Lord Rama’s principle is **भयविन्नु होइ नप्रीति** i.e “there is no love in absence of fear”.

Therefore, India would be peaceful and happy as long as it continues to grow stronger.

The same policy and practice of Lord Rama has been guiding India for many years.

The father of nation Mahatma Gandhi envisioned Rama Rajya with reference to these formulae and principles. The life and conduct of Lord Rama inspired the Gandhiji’s vision of ‘Rama Rajya’.

Friends, Lord Rama has himself said-
देश काल अवसर अनुहारी बोले बचन विनित विचारी

That is “Rama speaks, thinks and acts according to time, place and circumstances”.

Lord Rama teaches us how to grow and move

with time.

Lord Rama is the advocate of change and modernity.

India is moving ahead today profoundly with these inspirations, these ideals of Lord Rama.

Friends, Lord Rama has taught us how to fulfil our duties.

He also taught us how to face challenges and how to seek and attain knowledge.

The Ram Mandir should be built with bricks of love, respect & brotherhood.

We need to keep in mind that the humanity could progress whenever it kept its faith in Lord Rama, and that it moved towards destruction, whenever it swept away from Lord Rama.

We need to respect the sentiments of all. We need to be together, progress together & trust one another.

We need to develop a confident and self reliant India with the help of our efforts and resolution.

Friends, Lord Rama states in Tamil Ramayana, “we need not delay, we need to move ahead”.

Lord Rama has the same message for today’s India and all of us.

I am sure we will move ahead, our country will move ahead. This temple of Lord Rama will continue to inspire and guide humankind/ humanity for years to come.

The self- restraint way of Lord Rama is much more needed today in the situation of Corona Pandemic. We need to maintain the safe distance of two yards and always wear a mask.

I pray to Lord Rama that to keeps my country healthy and happy.

May Mother Sita and Lord Rama continue to shower their blessings on all.

With this, I once again congratulate the countrymen on this occasion.

Hail!Siyapati Lord Ramachandra ki Jay !!! ■

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70 HISTORIC DECISIONS



Article 370 revoked, Two new Union Territories - Jammu Kashmir and Ladakh came into existence:

1 The Parliament of India revoked Article 370 on 5 August, 2019 for the rapid development of the entire region. The Jammu and Kashmir Reorganization Bill 2019 was also approved by Hon'ble President Shri Ram Nath Kovind on 9 August, 2019. Two new Union Territories - Jammu Kashmir and Ladakh came into existence on 31 October, 2019.

- Central government defines domicile for Jammu & Kashmir: The central government in its gazette notification on 31 March, 2020 stated that any person who has resided in the Union Territory of J&K for the period of fifteen years or has studied for the period of seven years and appeared in secondary and higher secondary board examination would be considered as domicile of J&K and appointed in the services there. The gazette notification states that a migrant registered by the Relief and Rehabilitation Commissioner (Migrants) in the newly formed Union Territory would also be considered as domicile. The children of parents who have stayed in J&K for 15 years or are registered as migrants would also be considered as domicile.
- The notification has been issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs in exercise of powers conferred by section 96 of the J&K Reorganization Act, 2019, under section 14 referred to as the J&K Civil Services 'Decentralization and Recruitment Act'.

MAP OF UT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR AND UT OF LADAKH



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PAVED THE PATH FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF SHRI RAM TEMPLE IN AYODHYA

The Supreme Court in a unanimous historic decision on 9 November 2019, paved the path for the construction of a grand Ram temple at Shri Ram Janmabhoomi in Ayodhya.

The Modi government has established a 'Trust' for the construction of the grand temple as per the court's order. PM Shri Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone for the grand Shri Ram Temple in Ayodhya on 5th August, 2020.



3 CITIZENSHIP (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2019:

The Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2019 enabled the Hindu, Sikh, Buddhist, Jain, Parsi and Christian communities who came to India due to religious persecution from Afghanistan, Bangladesh and Pakistan to get Indian citizenship. This act will be written on the pages of history with golden letters.

4 Triple Talaq: The Modi government empowered Muslim women by enacting a strong law 'Muslim Women (Protection of Marriage Rights) Bill, 2019' on Triple Talaq on 31 July, 2019. Its a historic decision of Modi government and crores of Muslim women are now breathing free air from the stigma of evil practice of Triple Talaq.

5 National Education Policy 2020: The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi approved the National

Education Policy 2020 on 29 July 2020, making way for large scale, transformational reforms in both school and higher education sectors. This is the first education policy of the 21st century and replaces the thirty-four year

old National Policy on Education (NPE), 1986. Built on the foundational pillars of Access, Equity, Quality, Affordability and Accountability, this policy is aligned to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and aims to transform India into a vibrant knowledge society and global knowledge superpower by making both school and college education more holistic, flexible, multidisciplinary, suited to 21st century needs and aimed at bringing out the unique capabilities of each student.

6 India became free from open defecation: Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi declared the country free from Open Defecation on 2 October, 2019 in Ahmedabad. He said construction of toilets are not only enough,

but it is also necessary to make their use part of the habit. The Prime Minister said that the country's productivity has also increased due to the cleanliness drive.

7 Statue of Unity: The 182 meter tall Statue of Unity at Kevadia in Narmada district of Gujarat is the tallest statue of its kind in the entire world. It was constructed in honor of Shri Vallabhbhai Patel, the first Deputy Prime Minister of India and the first Home Minister. It was inaugurated by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 31 October, 2018.

8 Constitutional status to National Commission for Backward Classes (NCBC): The National Backward Classes Commission has been given constitutional status by Modi government by amending the constitution to empower the people of other backward classes. The Commission will no longer be an advisor, but a partner.



9 Access of electricity to every village:

Electricity has reached every village. This is a historic achievement. The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, on August 15, 2015, resolved to deliver electricity to 18,452 villages submerged in

the darkness of the country within 1,000 days from the ramparts of the Red Fort. For this, 'Deendayal Gram Jyoti Yojana' was started. This resolution was completed on April 28, 2018 i.e. 12 days before the deadline.

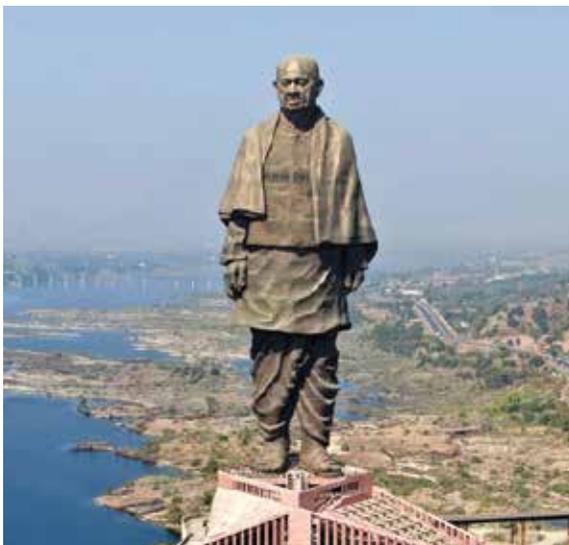
10 BODO AGREEMENT: Bodo Agreement is also a landmark decision an achievement of Modi government. The historic Bodo Agreement has paved the way for surrender of 1500 armed Bodo militants helping them to join mainstream. The Government has also approved a special package of Rs. 1500 crore for the development of Bodo region.

11 Mission Karmayogi'- National Programme for Civil Services Capacity



Building (NPCSCB): The Union Cabinet on September 2, 2020 chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved launching of 'Mission Karmayogi'- National Programme for Civil Services Capacity Building (NPCSCB). NPCSCB has been carefully designed to lay the foundations for capacity building for Civil Servants so that they remain entrenched in Indian Culture and sensibilities and remain connected, with their roots, while they learn from the best institutions and practices across the world. The Programme will be delivered by setting up an Integrated Government Online Training iGOTKarmayogiPlatform.

12 'Mann Ki Baat' : Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi addresses the people of the nation every month through his radio programme 'Mann Ki Baat'. His first episode of Mann Ki Baat started on 3 October, 2014 on All India Radio. Since then it became very popular among the people of the country. He has completed 68 episodes on 30 August, 2020. The former President of the United States, Mr. Barack Obama during his visit to India also joined Shri Narendra Modi in January edition of 'Mann Ki Baat', which was held on 27 January, 2015.



13 Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY): Its a historic scheme of Modi government launched in 2014 for direct cash transfer to the poor of the country. Out of 38.33 crore beneficiaries as on 19 February, 2020, 20.33 crore beneficiaries are women, which is 53%.

14 Atal Pension Yojana: Atal Pension Yojana has achieved extraordinary work by registering 2.23 crore people till 11 May 2020. The scheme was launched with the objective of providing old age income security to workers in the unorganized sector and guaranteeing minimum pension after the age of 60 years..

15 PM CARES Fund established: Keeping in mind the need for having a dedicated national fund with the primary objective of dealing with any kind of emergency or distress situation, like COVID-19 pandemic, and to provide relief to the affected, a public charitable trust under the name of 'Prime Minister's Citizen Assistance and Relief in Emergency Situations Fund' (PM CARES Fund)' has been set up by the Union government on 28 March, 2020. PM Shri Narendra Modi himself donated Rs. 2.25 lakh to this fund.

16 Reservation for the Economically Weaker Section in General Category: The Modi government took a historic decision in 2019 to amend the constitution to meet the decades-long demand, for provision of 10 percent reservation in government jobs and educational institutions for the poor youths of the general category.

17 Kartarpur Corridor Dedicated to the Nation: Indian pilgrims can now go to Gurdwara Kartarpur Saheb in Pakistan with the commencement of Kartarpur Corridor by Modi government.

Stand Up Scheme: Stand

18 Up India Scheme was launched by the Modi Government on 5th April, 2016. The Scheme facilitates bank loans between Rs. 10 lakh and Rs. 1 crore to at least one Scheduled Caste/ Scheduled Tribe borrower and at least one woman borrower, per bank branch of Scheduled Commercial Banks (SCBs), for setting up greenfield enterprises in the manufacturing, services or the trading sectors.

19 Atmanirbhar Bharat package: The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi on May 12, 2020 announced a special economic and comprehensive package of Rs 20 lakh crore, equal to 10% of India's GDP, to fight the Corona epidemic. This package includes an insurance



cover of Rs 50 lakh to each health worker fighting Covid-19, 5 kg wheat or rice and 1 kg pulses of choice every month to 80 crore poor till November 2020, Rs 3 lakh crore emergency working capital facility for businesses including MSME, Rs. 90,000 crores of liquidity for discoms etc.

20 India becomes the fifth largest economy in the world: Under the decisive and visionary leadership of PM Shri Narendra Modi, India has become the fifth largest economy in the world. When Shri Narendra Modi took over the office in 2014, India was ranked 9th in the world economy. According to data released by the IMF's World Economic Outlook in October, 2019 India now surpassed France, Britain and became the 5th largest economy in the world.

21 Huge jump in 'Ease of Doing Business': India jumped from 142nd position to 63rd position as a result of continuous concrete measures taken by the BJP-led NDA government. India improved its ranking in World Bank's 'Doing Business Report' by leaping from the lower 142nd position in 2014. It has reached 63rd position in the year 2019.



22 Corporate tax reduced to 22% for domestic companies and 15% for new domestic manufacturing companies. Effective tax rate is down by around 10 percent: To accelerate economic growth and boost investment and employment generation, the NDA government led by BJP at the Center has on 20 September, 2019, announced huge cuts in corporate tax. With this fresh incentive of the government, the effective rate of corporate tax has come down by about 10 percent.

23 Changes in the definition of MSMEs: The Union Cabinet, headed by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on June 1, 2020

approved changes in the definition of micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs), and brought an even larger number of businesses in the medium enterprises category. The government changed the definition for classification of MSMEs. As per the new definition, if a company has invested Rs. 1 crore and earns turnover of Rs. 5 crore, it will be classified as a micro company. Likewise, a company has invested Rs. 10 crore and has a turnover of Rs. 50 crore will be classified as a small enterprise. For a medium enterprise, the investment limit has been increased to Rs. 50 crore and that of turnover hiked to Rs. 250 crore.

24 100 items were banned for import The Modi government announced a list of over 100 items that would be banned for import. This step would move India and its defence sector inch closer to become self-reliant.

25 Four big banks formed by merger of 10 banks: The NDA government announced the merger of 10 nationalized bank on 30 August 2019 in a big initiative to create world-class banks in the country. This initiative which came into effect on 1 April 2020 will not only accelerate

economic growth, but will also help the country to build a \$ 5 trillion economy.

26 Effective presence on social media: The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi has registered a very effective presence on social media. Through these, he establishes direct public dialogue with crores of people. Prime Minister Shri Modi is one of the most popular and effective leaders in the world on social media. Shri Modi's followers on Twitter is 6.23 crore on September 17, 2020. More than 4 crore 57 lakh people have liked the Prime Minister's page on Facebook till 17 July 2020. Prime Minister Shri Modi's Instagram page has more than 45 million followers. The Prime Minister also has a significant number of followers



on professional platforms like LinkedIn. Apart from this, Prime Minister Narendra Modi's website also has a lot of hits, so Narendra Modi's channel has been subscribed by more than 7 million people on YouTube. Mr. Modi is one such leader of the world, who also interacts with people through the exclusive app. More than one crore people have downloaded the Narendra Modi app.

27 Cabinet approved Bharat Bond ETF: The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 4 December, 2019 created and launched Bharat Bond Exchange Traded Fund (ETF).

28 WELFARE SCHEMES FOR WOMEN

Beti Bachao, Beti Pado

Abhiyan': Female feticide is a curse for us. The social equilibrium is deteriorating due to the abortion of a daughter in the womb. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi launched 'Beti Bachao, Beti Pado Abhiyan' to end this imbalance. This is not only a government program but a social campaign. As a result, there has been a lot of increase in the birth rate of girls in 104 districts.



The example of Haryana is very pleasant, earlier where 883 girls were born compared to 1,000 boys, now this number has increased to 914.

29 Increase in duration of maternity leave for women workers - Duration of maternity leave has been increased for female workers to 26 weeks (6 months) so that they can take care of their newborn well. 1 lakh 678 crore rupees have been paid to 49 lakh 88 thousand women for maternity benefits.

30 Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana Reaches One Crore Beneficiaries: The government's flagship scheme for pregnant women and lactating mothers Pradhan Mantri

Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY) has reached more than one crore beneficiaries. A total amount of more than 4,000 crores has been disbursed to the beneficiaries under the scheme.

31 The Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu Bill, 2019: The Merger of Union Territories Bill, 2019 was passed in December 2019. The merger of Union Territories of Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu with the requirements of meaningful utilization of officers and employees and increasing administrative efficiency the bill was brought.

32 More than 81 percent women account holders under Stand-up India Scheme: As on 17 Feb 2020, 81 percent account holders were women under the Stand-up India Scheme. Rs. 16712.72 crore has been sanctioned for women account holders.

33 Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY):

Under PMJJBY, 40.70% of the enrollments are of women members and 58.21% of the beneficiaries are women. Of the total 4,71,71,568 names recorded (as on 31 Jan 2020), 1,91,96,805 women have registered their names. Out of a total of 1,69,216

claims, 95,508 claims of women beneficiaries have been paid.

34 Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY): Under PMSBY, 41.50% of the enrollments are of women members and 61.29% of the beneficiaries are women. (As on 31 Jan 2020) Of the total 15,12,54,678 names registered, 6,27,76,282 were registered by women. Out of a total of 38,988 claims, 23,894 claims have been paid to women beneficiaries. (As on 31.01.2020)

35 Atal Pension Yojana (APY): The scheme is open for membership through banks and post offices. As on 22 Feb 2020, more than 93 lakh



beneficiaries (43%) are women out of approximately 2.15 crore total subscribers under APY.

36 PM Svanidhi Scheme: The Modi government launched PM Svanidhi-Pradhan Mantri street vendor's Atmanirbhar Nidhi- scheme on June 1, 2020. This special micro-credit facility scheme provides affordable loans to street vendors. This is for the first time in India's history that street vendors from peri-urban/ rural areas have become beneficiaries of an urban livelihood programme. The vendors can avail a working capital loan of up to Rs. 10,000, which is repayable in monthly instalments in the tenure of one year. On timely/ early repayment of the loan, an interest subsidy @ 7% per annum will be credited to the bank accounts of beneficiaries through Direct Benefit Transfer on six monthly basis. There will be no penalty on early repayment of loan.

37 More than 1 crore beneficiaries under 'Ayushman Bharat': India has achieved a huge success in providing benefits to more than 1 crore people under 'Ayushman Bharat Yojana'.

38 Pradhan Mantri Vaya Vandana Yojana: Pradhan Mantri Vaya Vandana Yojana (PMVVY) is a Pension Scheme announced by the Modi Government of India exclusively for the senior citizens aged 60 years and above which was available from 4th May, 2017 to 31st March, 2020. The scheme is now extended up to 31st March, 2023 for a further period of three years beyond 31st March, 2020.

39 The Government of India led by Shri Narendra Modi took a historic decision to reduce the rate of contribution under the ESI Act from 6.5% to 4% (employers' contribution being reduced from 4.75% to 3.25% and employees' contribution being reduced from 1.75% to 0.75%).

40 Increased strength of Judges in Supreme Court

The Union Cabinet led by Narendra Modi on July 31, 2019 approved increasing the number of judges in the top court from the present 31 to 34, including the Chief Justice of India.

41 Parliament approves RTI Amendment Bill: Parliament on 25 July approved a Bill amending the Right to Information (RTI) Act. The Modi government is committed to transparency, public participation and simplification.

42 Atal Bihari Vajpayee, Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya, Pranab Mukherjee, Nana ji Deshmukh & Bhupen Hazarika conferred Bharat Ratna



The Modi Government conferred Bharat Ratna, the highest civilian award of the country, on former Prime Minister Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee and freedom fighter Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya, former President of India Shri Pranab Mukherjee, Social activist Shri Nana ji Deshmukh and playback singer, lyricist, musician, poet and filmmaker Shri Bhupen Hazarika.

Rafale aircraft inducted into the

43 Indian Air Force fleet: About four years ago, India signed an intergovernmental agreement with France for the purchase of 36 such aircraft at a cost of Rs 59,000 crore. The first batch of five Rafale aircraft reached India on 29 July, 2020. The Five Rafale fighter jets were formally inducted into the Indian Air Force in a ceremony held at Ambala air base on 10 September, 2020. The multi-role Rafale aircraft are known for their superiority and precision.

44 22 AH-64E Apache attack helicopters given to Indian Air Force India purchased 22 AH-64E Apache attack helicopters from US aerospace giant, Boeing.



The 22 Apaches were handed over to Indian Air Force on September 11, 2020. The AH-64E Apache is equipped with the latest communications, navigation, sensor and weapon systems. It has an improved Modernized Target Acquisition Designation System that provides day, night and all-weather target information, as well as night vision navigation capability.

45 Quick Reaction Surface-to-Air Missiles tested: Defence Research Development Organisation (DRDO) on August 4, 2019 successfully flight-tested its state-of-the-art Quick Reaction Surface-to-Air Missiles (QRSAM) against live aerial targets from Integrated Test Range (ITR), Chandipur.

46 INS Nilgiri launched: On 28 September, 2019 Shri Narendra Modi's Defense Minister Shri Rajnath Singh inaugurated the warship 'INS Nilgiri'. Modi government is making concerted efforts to modernize the navy and equip it with the best platforms, weapons and sensors to deal with any traditional and unconventional threats to India's maritime interests. INS Nilgiri is the first ship of the Project-



17A. Project 17A frigates are a design derivative of the Shivalik class stealth frigates with much more advanced stealth features and indigenous weapons and sensors. The P17A frigates incorporate new design concepts for improved survivability, sea keeping, stealth and ship manoeuvrability.

47 India Successfully Flight-Tests Two Pinaka Missiles in Salvo Mode: Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has conducted a test firing of Pinaka missiles in salvo mode as part of the series of flight trials. The objective of the trial was to test low range, functioning of live warhead along with its proximity initiation and salvo launch.

48 Chief of Defence staff appointed: The Prime Minister Narendra Modi had announced the Government's decision to appoint a CDS from the ramparts of the Red Fort in his Independence Day address to the nation on 15 August 2019, called it a transformational event. The Government executing its promise on January 19, 2020 appointed a Chief of Defence Staff, almost two decades after it was recommended by the Kargil Committee in 2000 which was constituted following the Kargil conflict in 1999 to recommend the restructuring of the Indian military towards greater 'jointness'.

49 'One Rank One, Pension': Ending a four decade long wait of soldiers, Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led NDA government on July 11 2018 announced the 'One Rank One, Pension' scheme for ex-servicemen. OROP implies that uniform pension be paid to the Armed Forces personnel retiring in the same rank with the same length of service, regardless of their date of retirement.

50 Financial assistance to the families of the martyrs increased four time from Rs. 2 to 8 lakhs:

The financial assistance given to the families of those who lost their lives in war or to the Divyang soldiers has been increased four times. On 5 October 2019, the proposal to increase the existing amount of Rs 2 lakh to 8 lakh was approved. This amount will be given under the Army War Casualty Welfare Fund (ABCWF).

51 Increase in income of farmers: MSP increased one and half times of the cost of production- For the first time, MSP of Rabi and Kharif crops are declared one and a half times of the cost of production due to they are getting good value of their crop.

52 PM-Kisan Samman Nidhi - For the first time financial assistance under the



Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana has been provided to the farming families holding land less than 5 acres. Now farmers are getting an annual support of Rs. 6,000 in their bank account directly.

53 Financing facility of Rs. 1 Lakh Crore under Agriculture Infrastructure Fund:

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on August 9, 2020 launched a new Central Sector Scheme of financing facility under the Agriculture Infrastructure Fund of Rs. 1 Lakh Crore. The scheme will support farmers, PACS, FPOs, Agri-entrepreneurs, etc. in building community farming assets and post-harvest agriculture infrastructure. These assets will enable farmers to get greater value for their produce as they will be able to store and sell at higher prices, reduce wastage, and increase processing and value addition.

54 Bamboo ceases to be a tree, freed of Forest Act:

Modi government amended a law to declare that bamboo is not a tree, a step that will help farmers and tribal people. This was a major impediment for bamboo cultivation by farmers on non-forest land. The move will contribute to achieving the objective of doubling farmers' income by 2022.



55 Pension coverage to crores of farmers:

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi on May 31, 2019 approved a new Central Sector Scheme, a historic decision that will empower farmers across India. This is a path breaking scheme that will provide pension cover to our industrious farmers who toil day and night to keep our nation fed. It is also for the first time since independence that such a pension coverage has been envisioned for farmers.

56 National Animal Disease Control and National Artificial insemination

Program: The expenditure of this program, fully sponsored by the Central Government, is Rs 12652 crore. In an effort to reduce both these diseases, more than 60 crore animals will be vaccinated across the country. The programme was launched by PM on 11 September 2019.

57 Five years of 'Soil Health Card' scheme completed:

On February 2020, five years of the 'Soil Health Card' scheme were completed. Under this scheme, 10.74 crore soil health cards were distributed to farmers during the year 2015-17 (cycle-1) and 11.74 crore to soil health cards during the year 2017-19 (cycle-2).

58 Establishment of Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs):

Modi Government approved formation 10,000 new Farmer Producer Organisation (FPOs) to ensure economies of scale for farmers over the next five years.

59 PM Modi launches E - GRAM SWARAJ app and SWAMITVA YOJANA on Panchayati Raj Day:

In another e-governance move the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on April 24, 2020 launched e-Gram

Swaraj portal and Swamitva Yojana, which will conduct their operations online. The two new digital platforms are part of the central government's plan to push growth in villages. SVAMITVA scheme, a new initiative of the Ministry of Panchayati Raj aims to provide rural people with the right to document their residential properties so that they can use their property for economic purposes.

This scheme will help in streamlining planning and revenue collection in rural areas and ensuring clarity on property rights. The scheme will enable creation of better-quality Gram Panchayat Development Plans (GPDPs), leveraging the maps created under this programme. It engages the latest Drone Surveying technology, for demarcating the inhabitant (Aabadi) land in rural areas.



60 **'Fit India' campaign launched:** Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi launched the 'Fit India Campaign' on 29 August, 2019 terming fitness an integral part of Indian culture.

61 **Making India free of single-use plastic by the year 2022:** Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi said by 2022, we have to achieve the goal of making the country free of single-use plastic.

62 **Residents of 1797 unauthorized colonies of Delhi gets the land ownership right:** 40 lakh people of Delhi got its benefit. The Union Cabinet on 23 October, 2019 approved the regularization of Delhi's unauthorized colonies which enabled residence of these colonies to get ownership right.

63 **Aadhaar allotted to 125 crore residents of India:** The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) announced on 27 December, 2019 that the Aadhaar project has achieved a new milestone by crossing the 125 crore mark. This means that more than 125 crore residents of India have 12-digit unique identification.

64 **Rs. 5.5 lakhs given to 5300 Kashmiri families who came from Pakistan Occupied Jammu & Kashmir:** The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi announced financial assistance to 5300 families displaced from Pakistan Occupied Kashmir and settled in different states of India. Now these families are being given financial assistance of Rs.5.5 lakh from the center.

65 **Rs 25,000 crore approved for 4.58 lakh unfinished flats:** It helps to complete 1,600

stalled projects. The Union Cabinet on 6 November, 2019 approved the creation of Rs 25,000 crore Alternative Investment Fund (AIF) to complete 4.58 lakh unfinished flats. Government will give 10 thousand 22 crores rupees and State Bank of India and LIC will give 15 thousand crores rupees.

66 **Rejection of RCEP in the national interest:** India rejected Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership. Today's India is not one to bow before the international pressure, but is capable of protecting its own interests.

67 **RERA:** The Real Estate (Regulation & Development) Act, 2016, brought by Modi government. The landmark realty law is protecting the home buyers as well as helping boost investments in the real estate industry.

68 **Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code 2016:** Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code 2016 was acted and implemented by Modi Government. The law was necessitated due to huge pile-up of non-performing loans of banks and delay in debt resolution. Code applies to companies and individuals. It provides for a time-bound process to resolve insolvency. When a default in repayment occurs, creditors gain control over debtor's assets and must take decisions to resolve insolvency within a 180-day period.

69 **UDAN to make flights cheaper:** Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) UDAN—('Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik') was launched by Modi Government to expand the Air connectivity network in the country. The primary objective of RCS – UDAN is facilitating regional air connectivity by making it affordable.

Towards becoming a Space super power

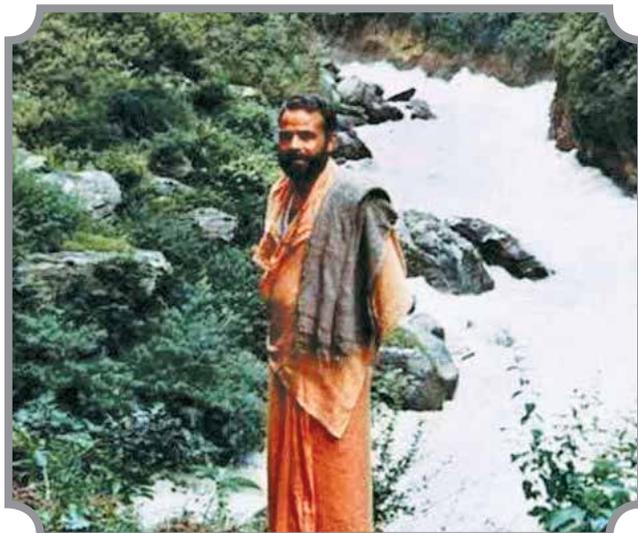
70 **India successfully launches 'Moon Mission-2':** India becomes the fourth country to land on moon after Russia, US, China India successfully launched its second lunar mission "Chandrayaan-2" on 22 July 2019 from Satish Dhawan Space Center (SDSC) in Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh with the aim of "taking countless dreams to the moon".

- **Chandrayaan-2 successfully orbited the moon:** The Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) successfully orbited Chandrayaan-2 on 20 August 2019, a major achievement.
- **Fifth flight of PSLV:** Successful launch of RISAT-2 BR1 and nine commercial satellites. India's Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle successfully launched the RISAT-2 BR1 and nine commercial satellites in its fiftieth flight (PSLV-C48) from Satish Dhawan Space Center (SDSC), Sriharikota on 11 December 2019.
- **India's latest communication satellite 'GSAT-30':** India's latest communication satellite 'GSAT-30' was successfully launched from the French Guiana spaceport on 17 January 2020.

PICTOGRAPHIC JOURNEY THROUGH 70 YEARS



EARLY LIFE OF SHRI NARENDRA MODI



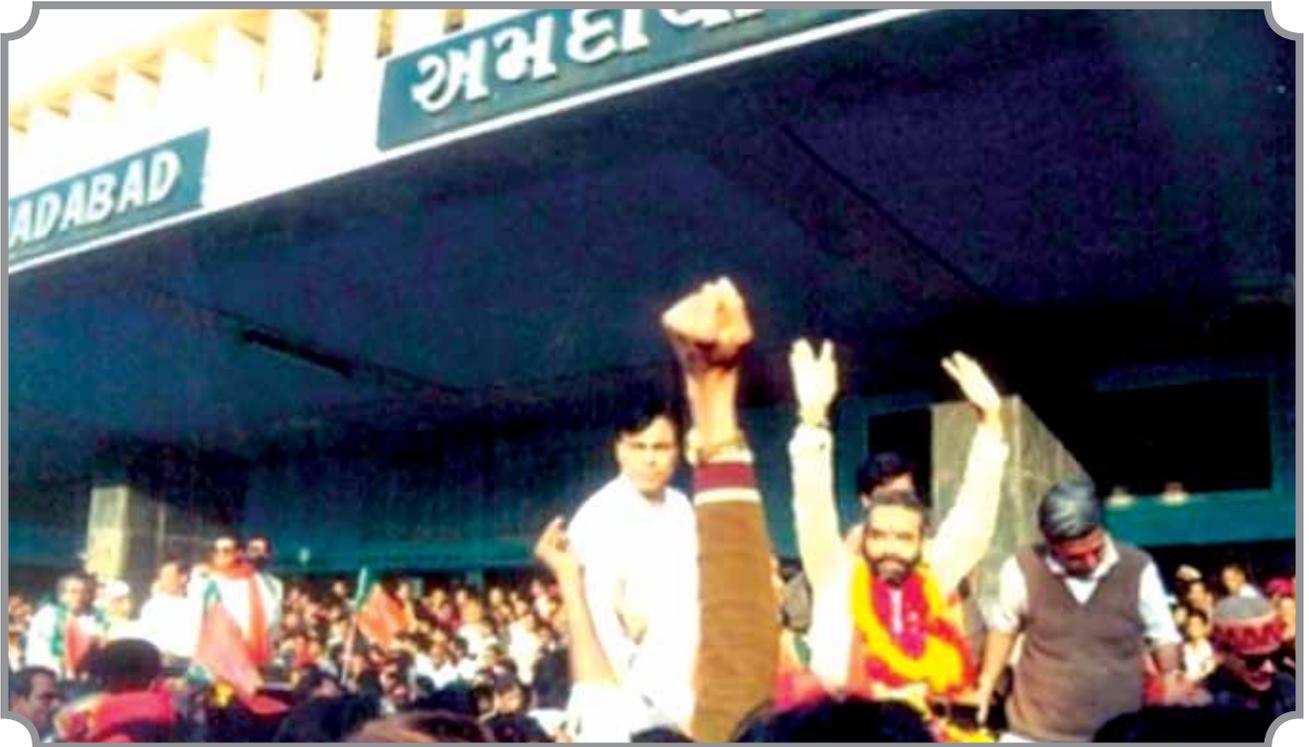
DISCOVERING THE COUNTRY & SELF IN THE HIMALAYAS



LEAVES HOME AND TRAVELS ACROSS INDIA INCLUDING THE HIMALAYAS, RISHIKESH AND OTHER PLACES IN HIMALAYAS



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ACTIVE ROLE IN ORGANISATION WORK FOR ELECTIONS TO VARIOUS CIVIC BODIES. BJP WINS AMC ELECTIONS, JUNE 03, 1987.



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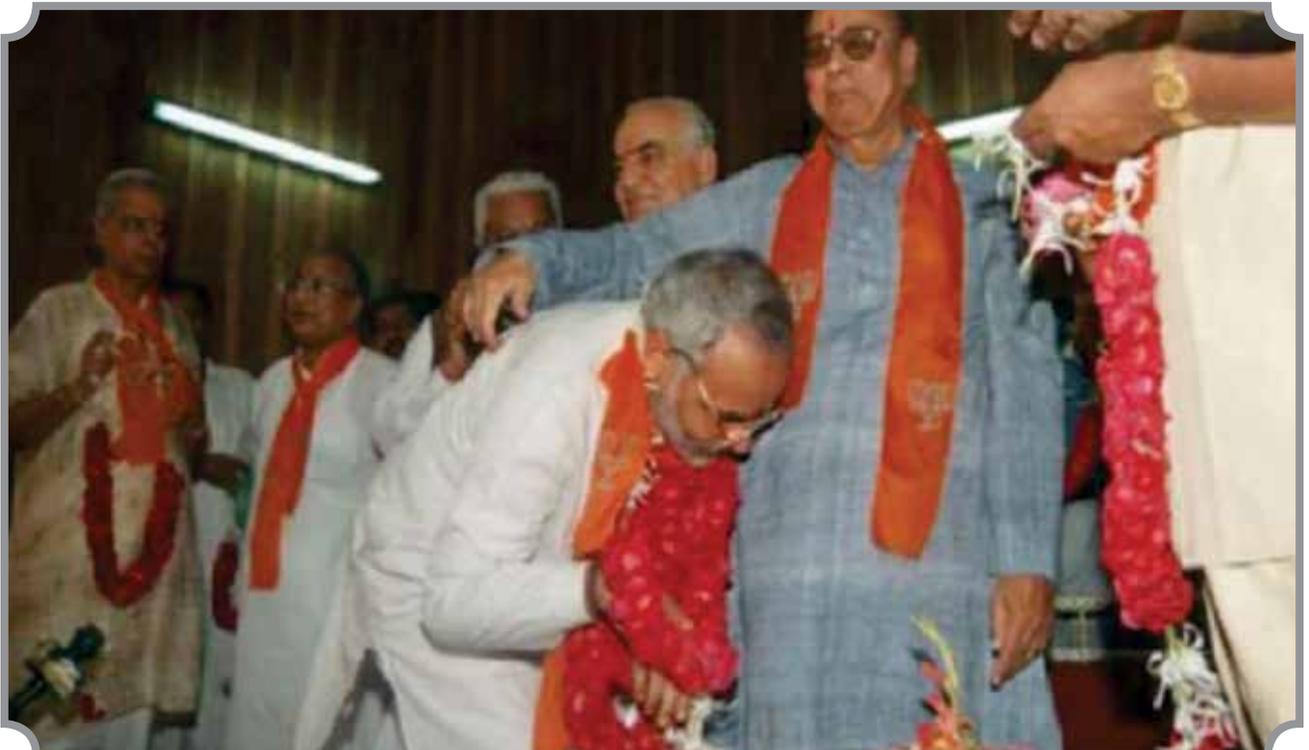
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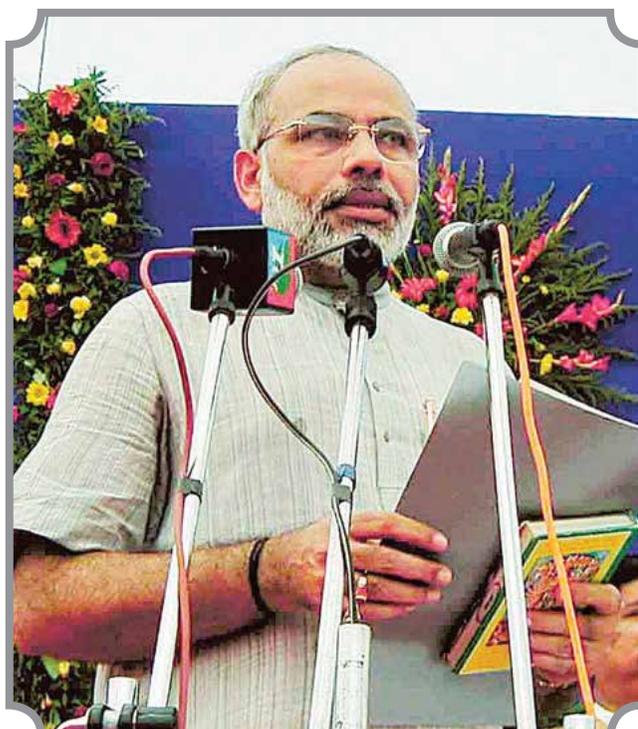
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SHRI NARENDRA MODI TAKING OATH AS THE NEW GUJARAT CHIEF MINISTER IN GANDHINAGAR ON OCTOBER 7, 2001



LEADS BJP TO RECORD WIN IN 2002 GUJARAT ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS AND TAKES OATH FOR SECOND TIME AS CM ON DECEMBER 01, 2002



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BJP WINS 2007 GUJARAT ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS. SHRI NARENDRA MODI SWORN-IN AS CM FOR 3RD TIME, DECEMBER 23, 2007



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BJP DECLARES NARENDRA MODI AS THE PM CANDIDATE OF THE PARTY FOR 2014 LOK SABHA ELECTIONS, SEPTEMBER 13, 2013



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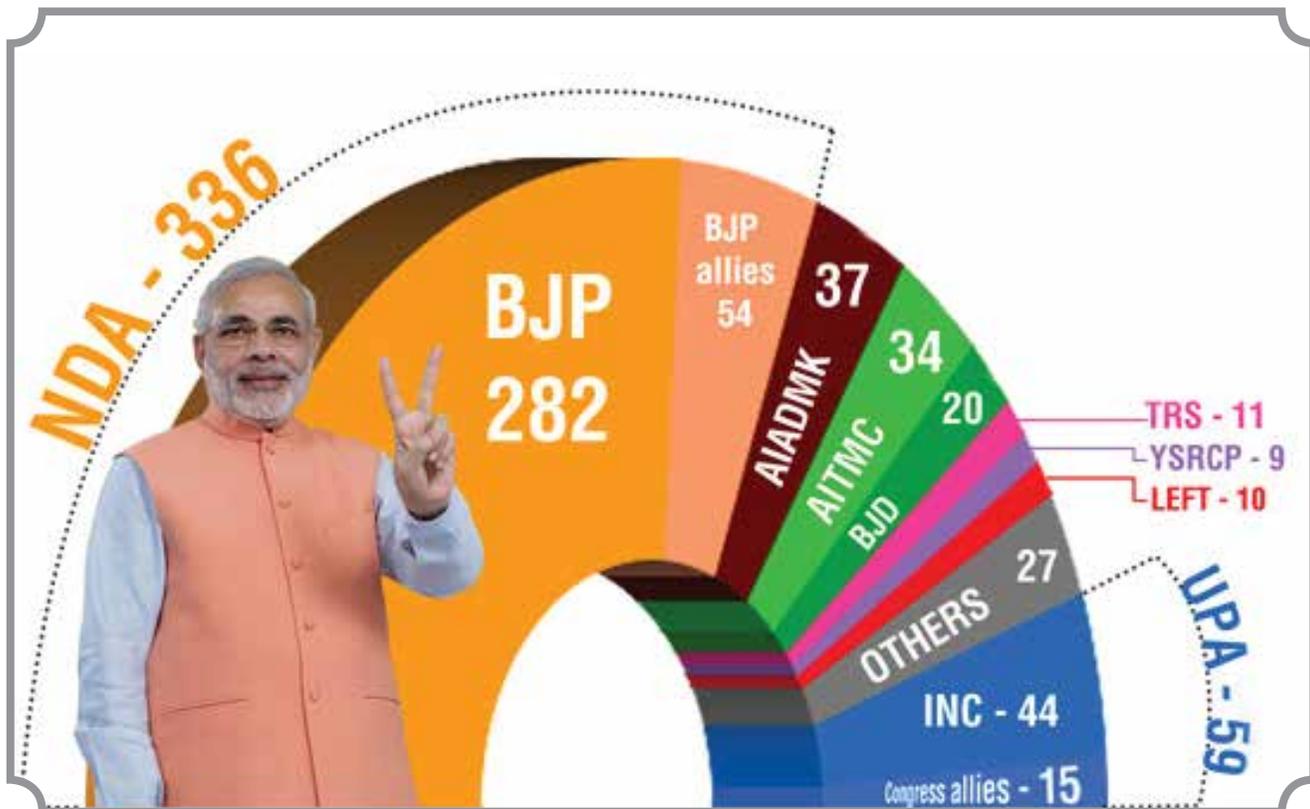
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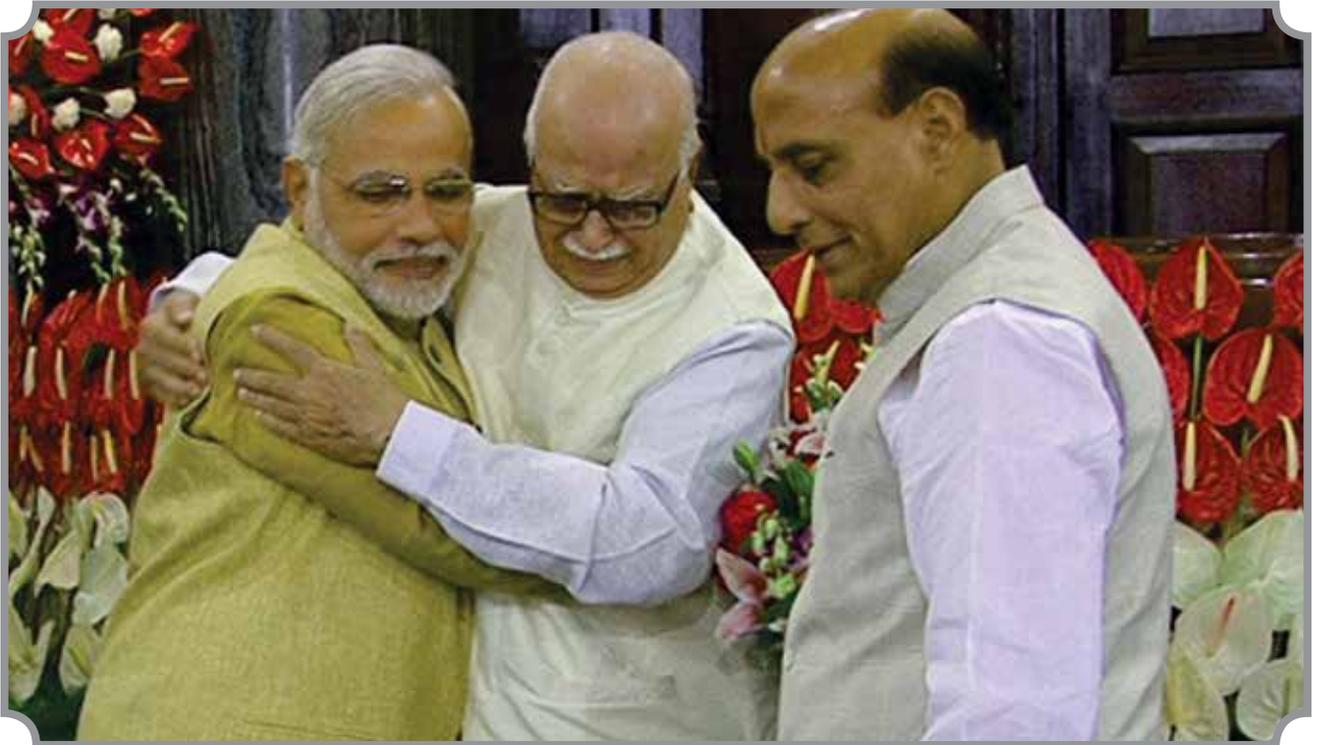
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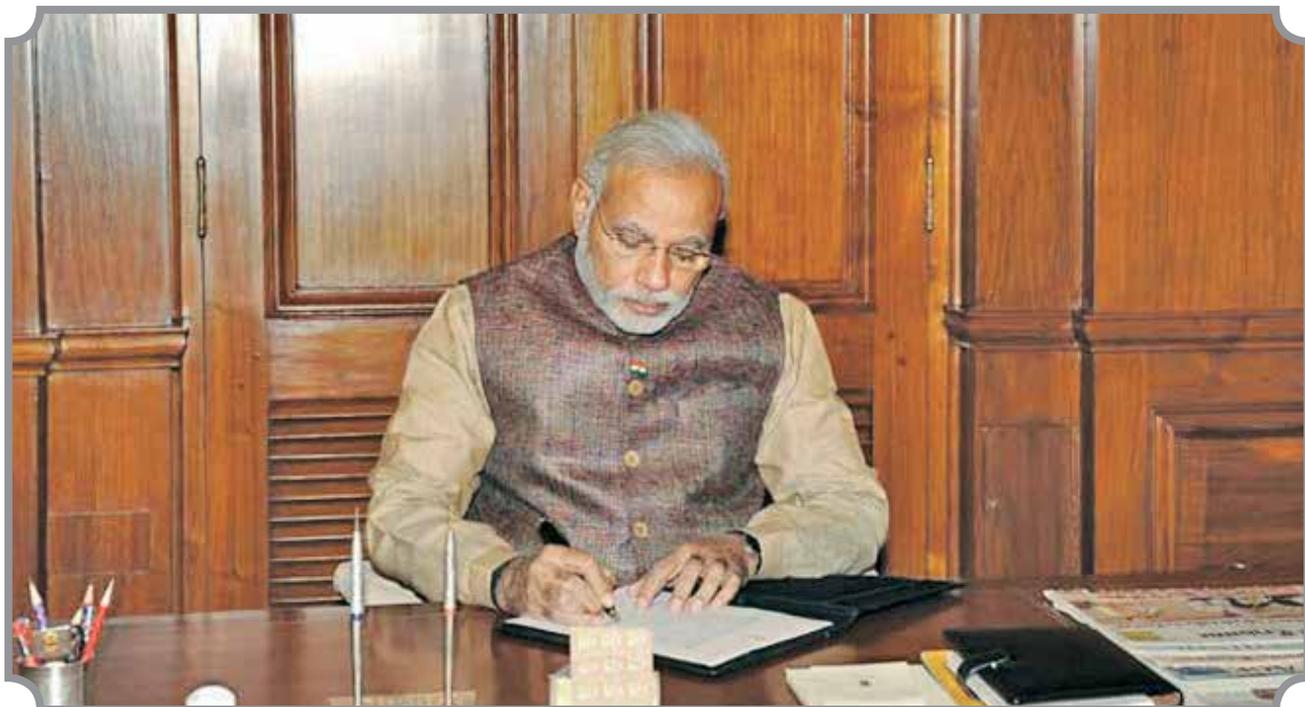
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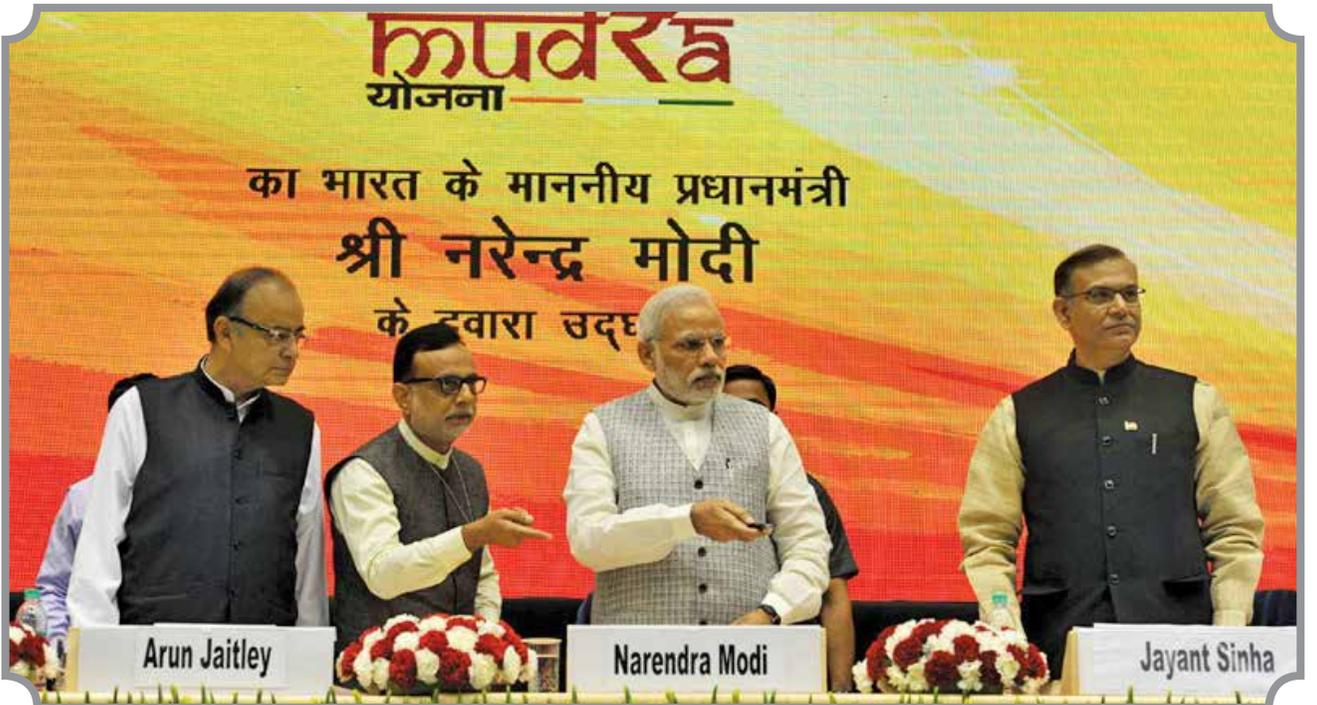
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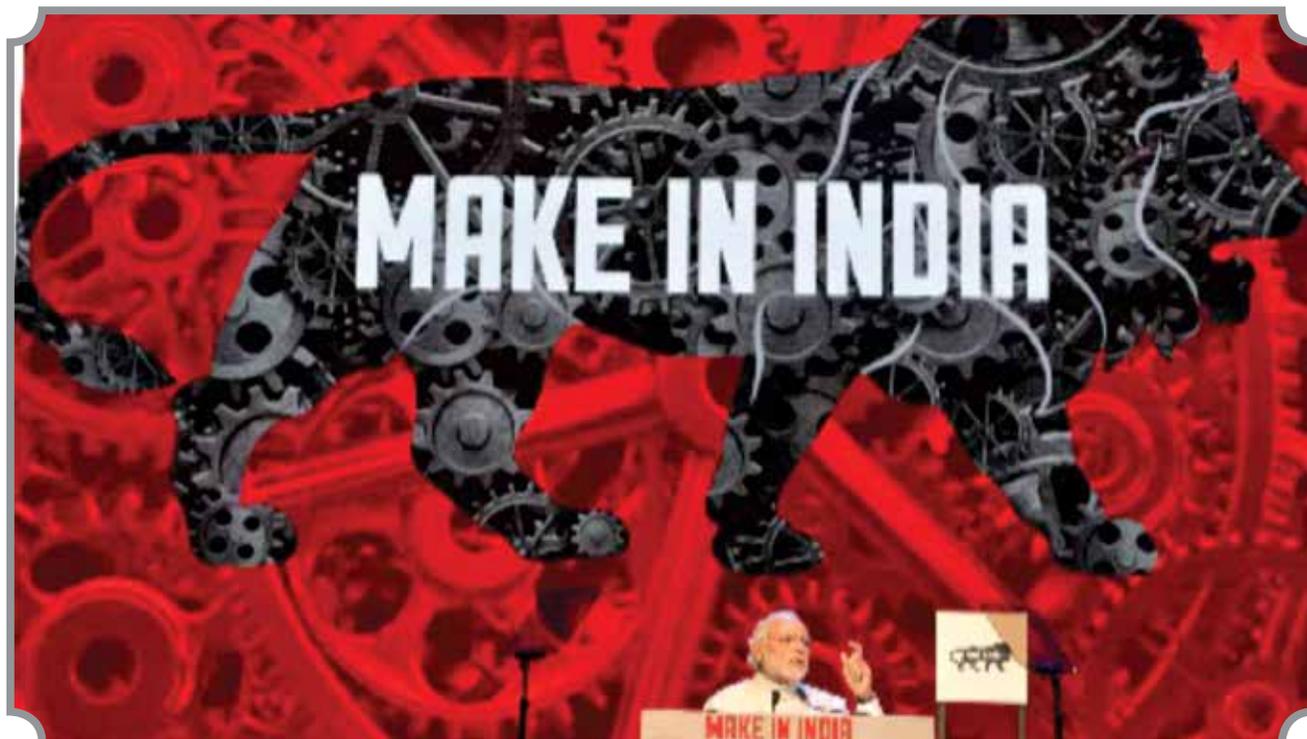
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PM SHRI NARENDRA MODI RELEASES TWO COMMEMORATIVE COINS ON DR. B.R. AMBEDKAR, 06 DECEMBER 2015



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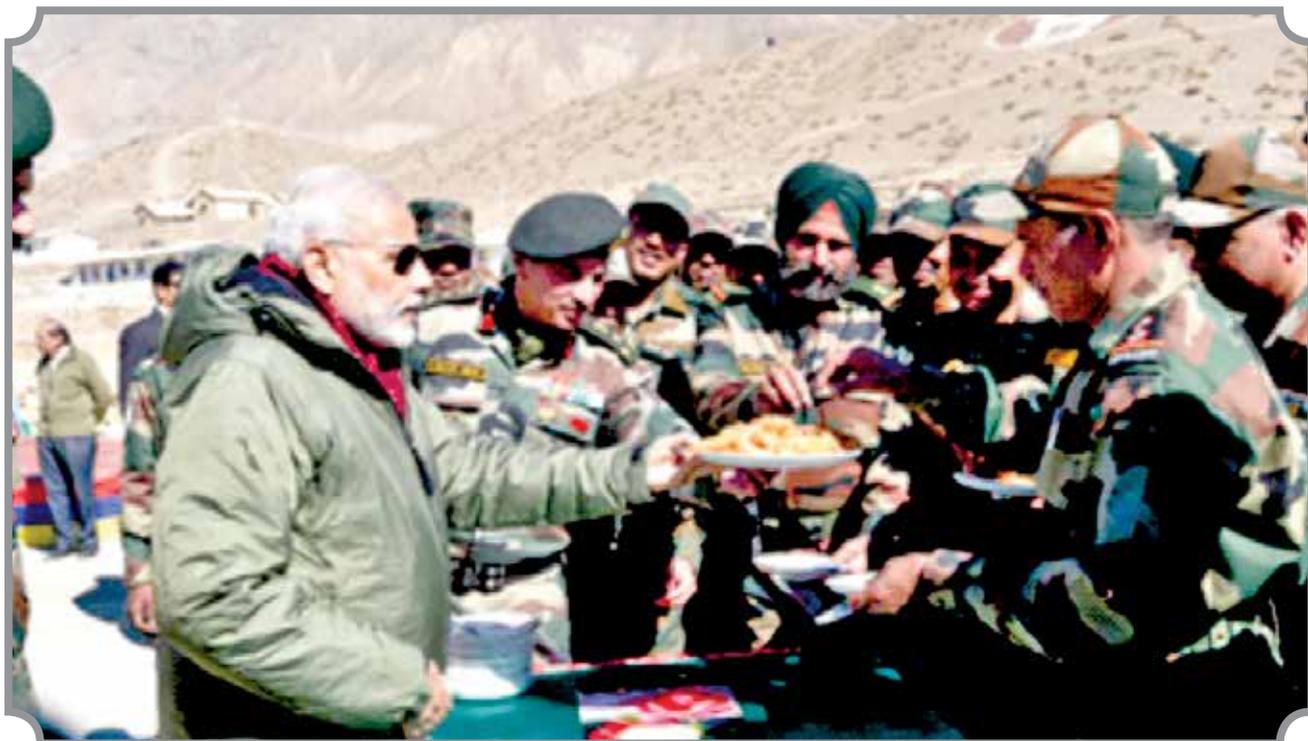
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'STAND UP INDIA' SCHEME LAUNCHED TO BOOST ENTREPRENEURSHIP AMONG SOCIALLY BACKWARD PEOPLE & WOMEN, 05 APRIL 2016



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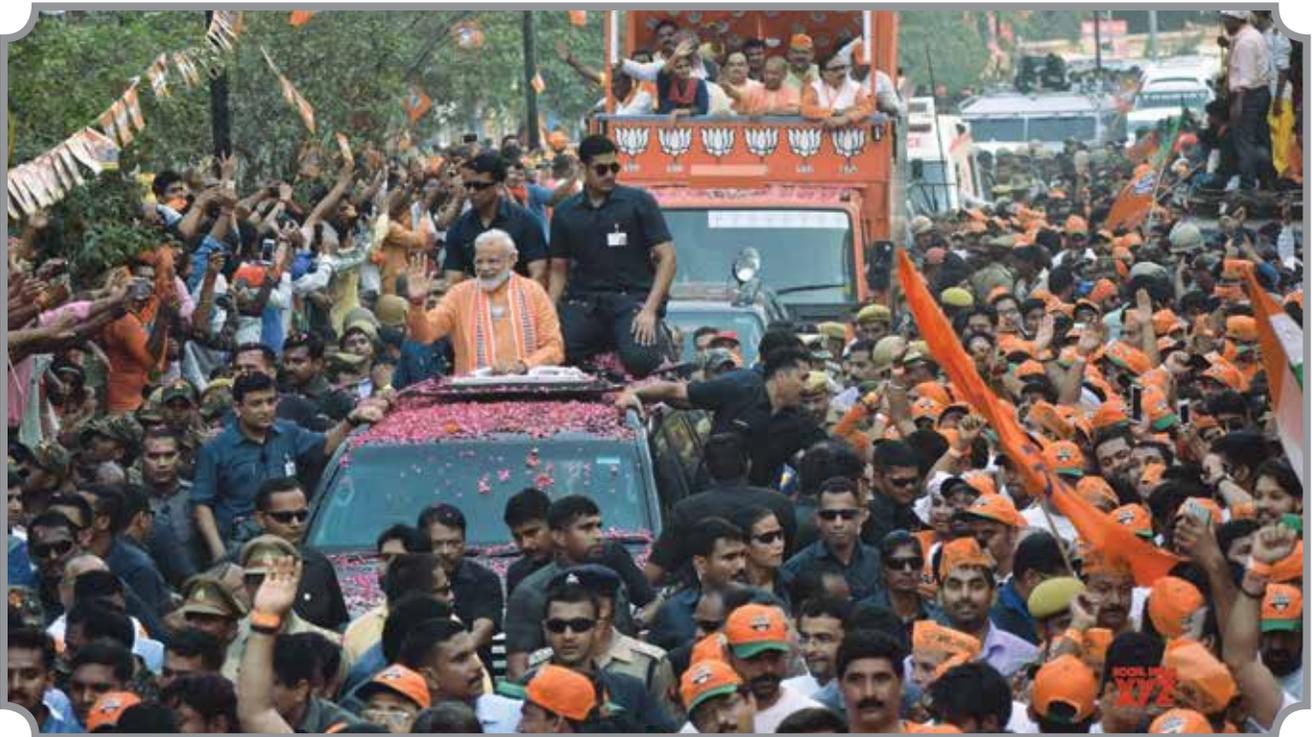
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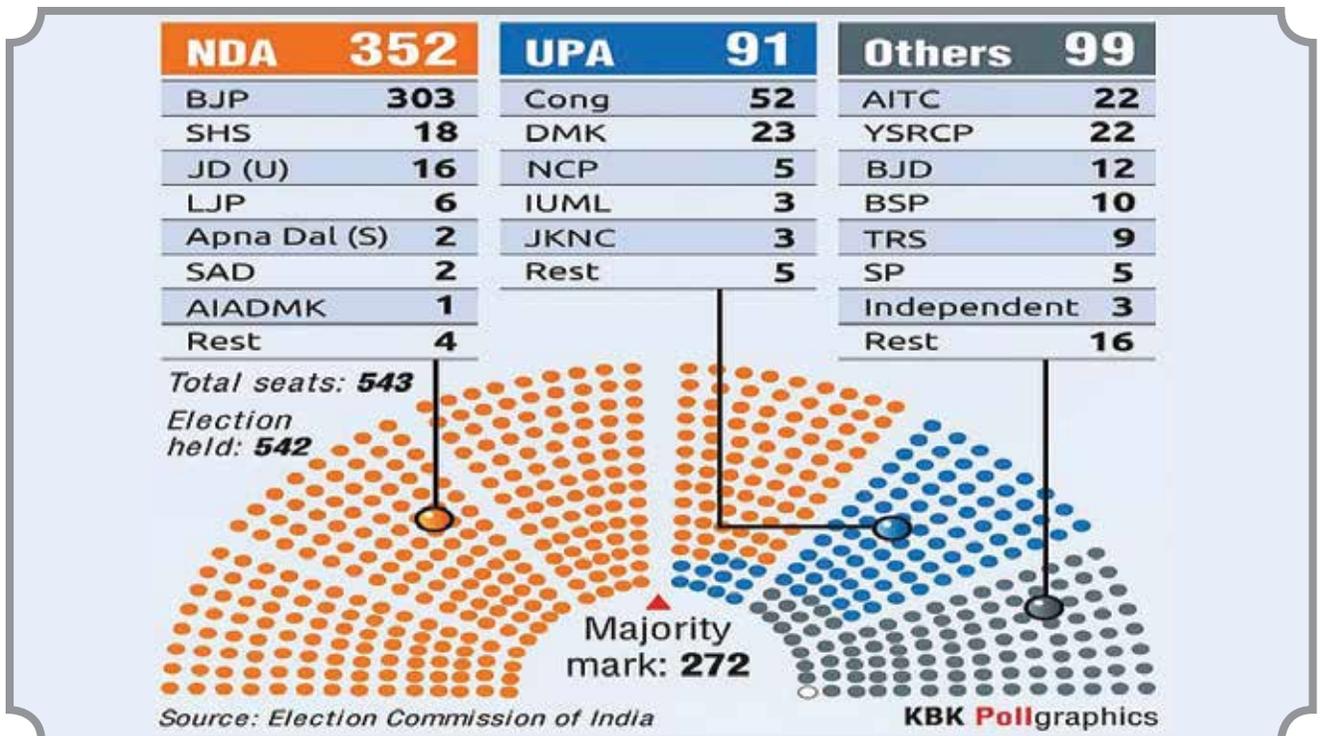
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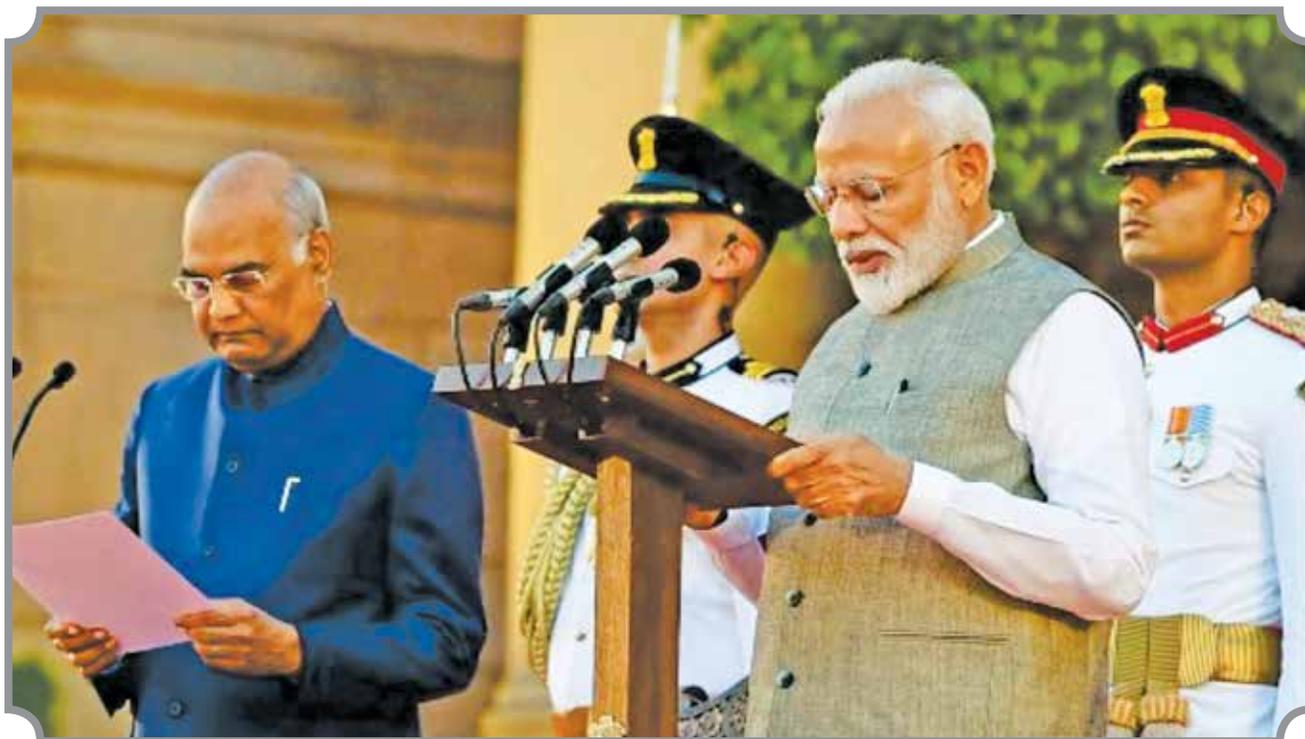
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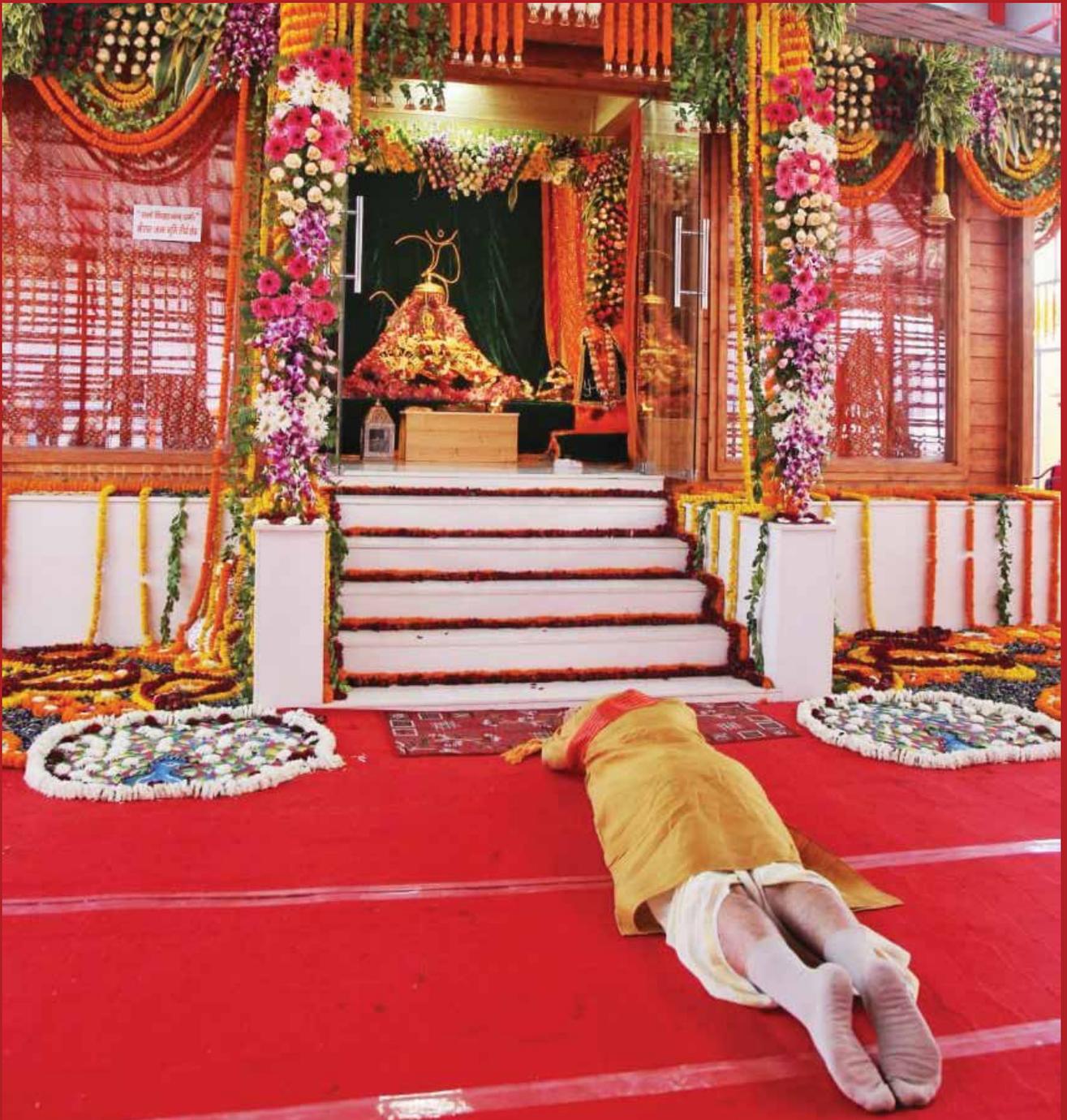


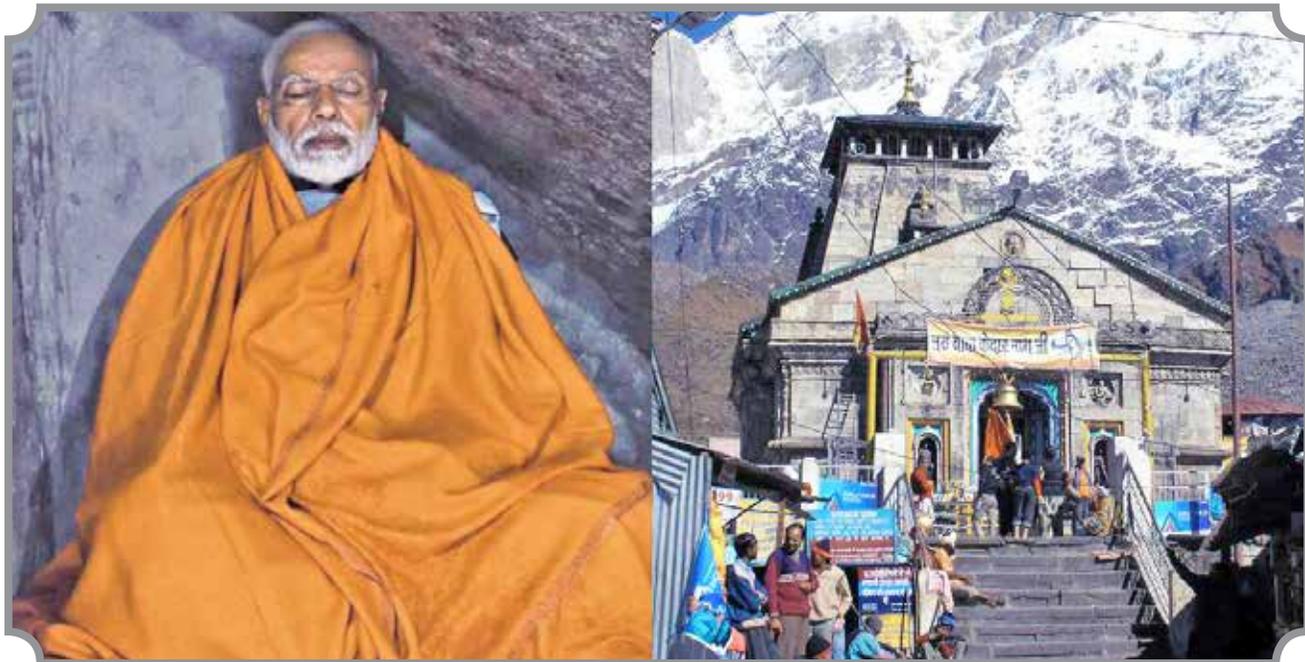
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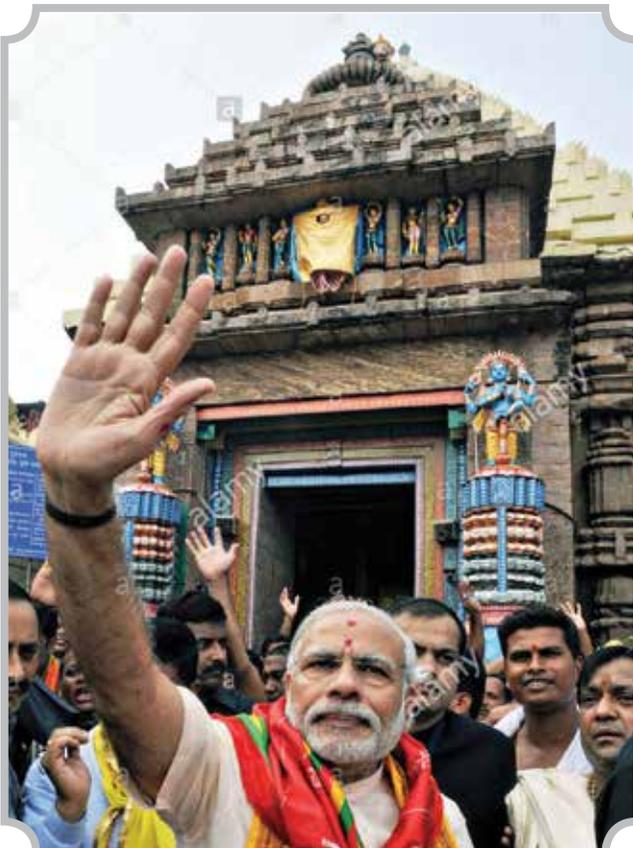
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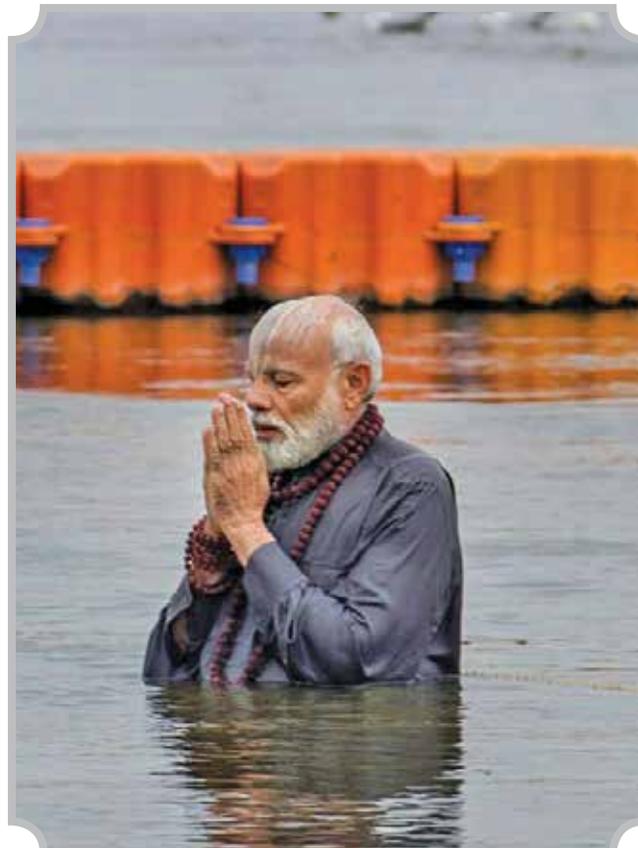




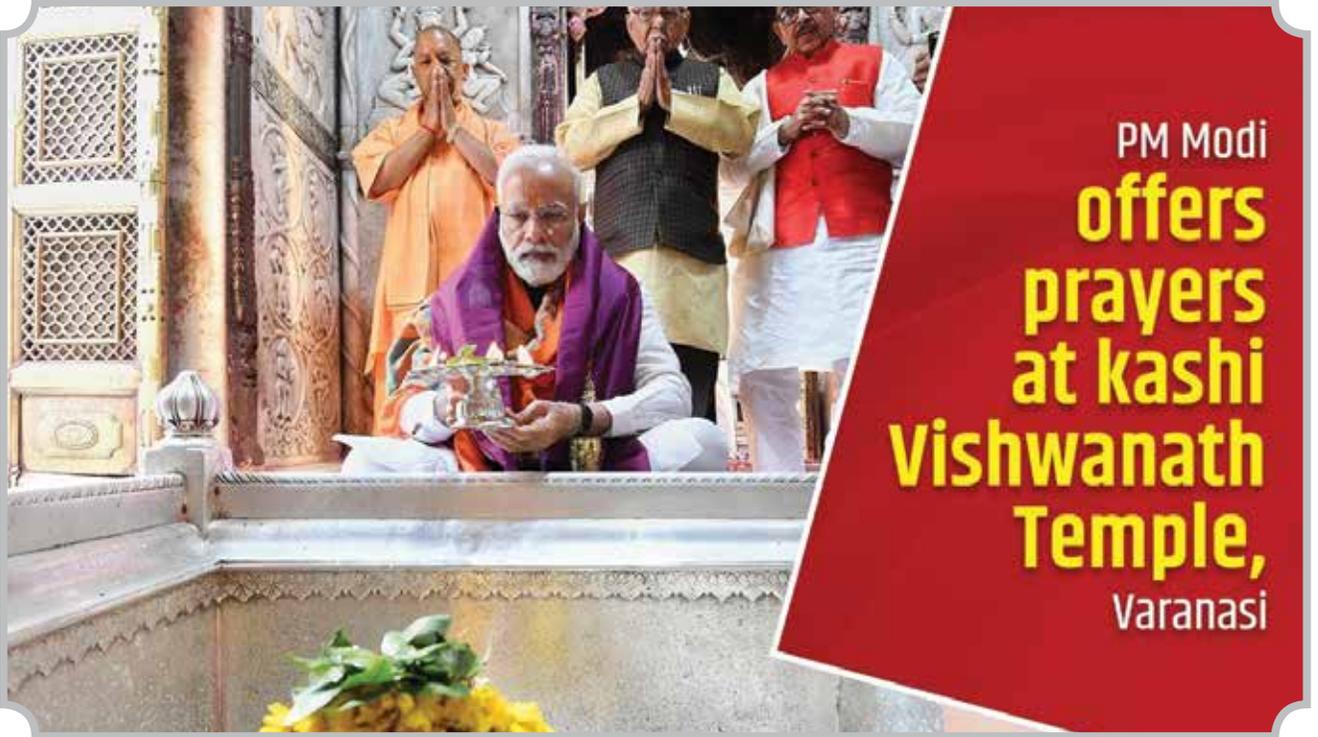
Shri Narendra Modi meditating in a cave near Kedarnath Dham, Uttarakhand



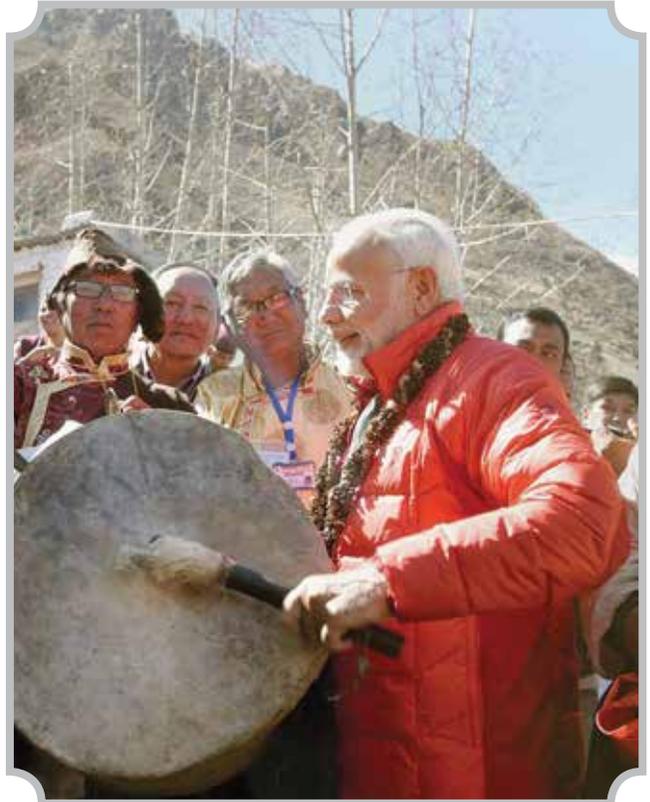
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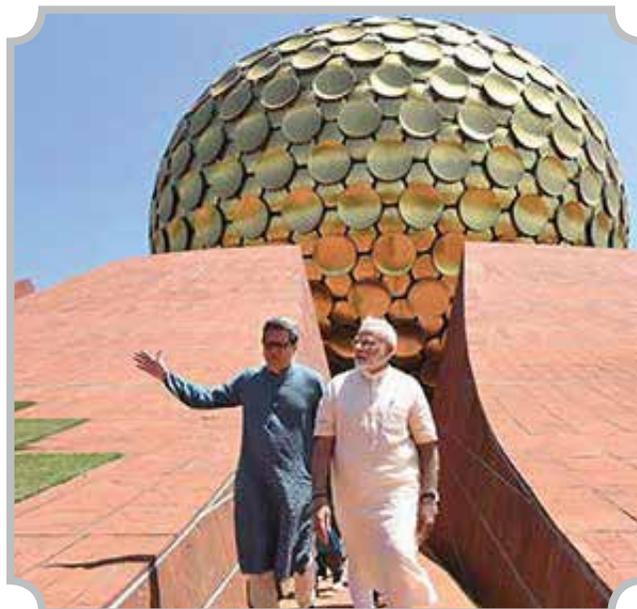
PM Shri Narendra Modi at Bodhgaya in Bihar



At Muktinath temple in Nepal



PM Shri Narendra Modi at Janaki Mandir, dedicated to goddesses Sita, in Janakpur, Nepal on May 11, 2018



PM Shri Modi visits the Aurobindo Ashram in Puducherry



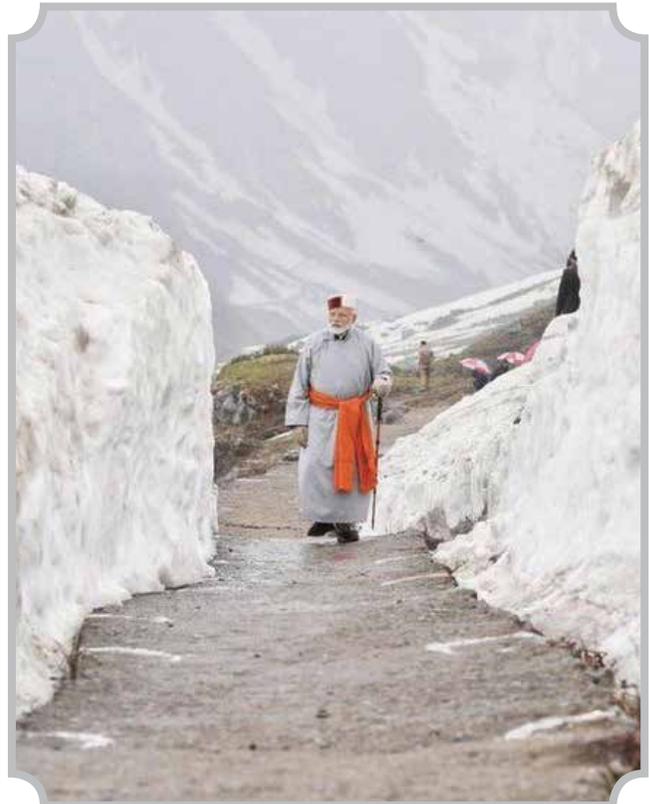
Japan PM Mr. Shinzo Abe & PM Shri Modi in Ganga Aarti, Varanasi in December 2015



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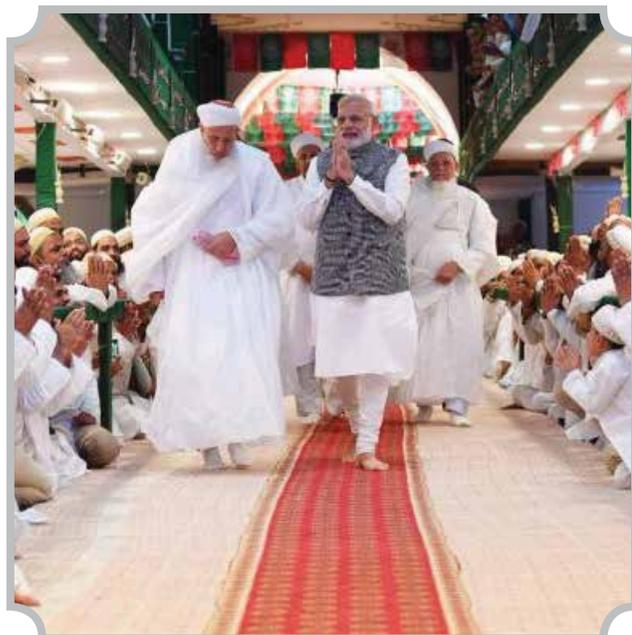
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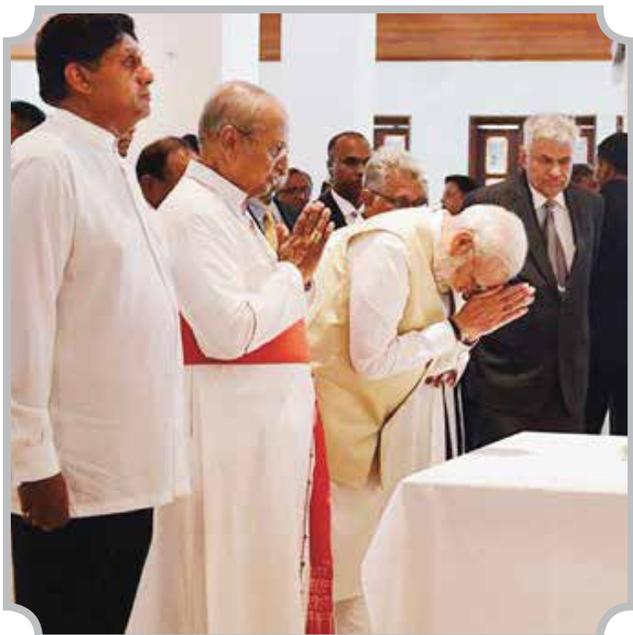
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At St Anthony's church; one of horrific Easter Sunday blast sites in Sri Lanka

TAKING INDIA'S GLOBAL STANDING TO NEW HEIGHTS!



PM SHRI NARENDRA MODI RECEIVING THE HIGHEST ORDER OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION FROM MR. VLADIMIR PUTIN



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PM NARENDRA MODI WAS CONFERRED THE HIGHEST CIVIL AWARD OF THE U.A.E. IN APRIL 2019



UNEP CHAMPIONS OF THE EARTH AWARD - SEPTEMBER 2018



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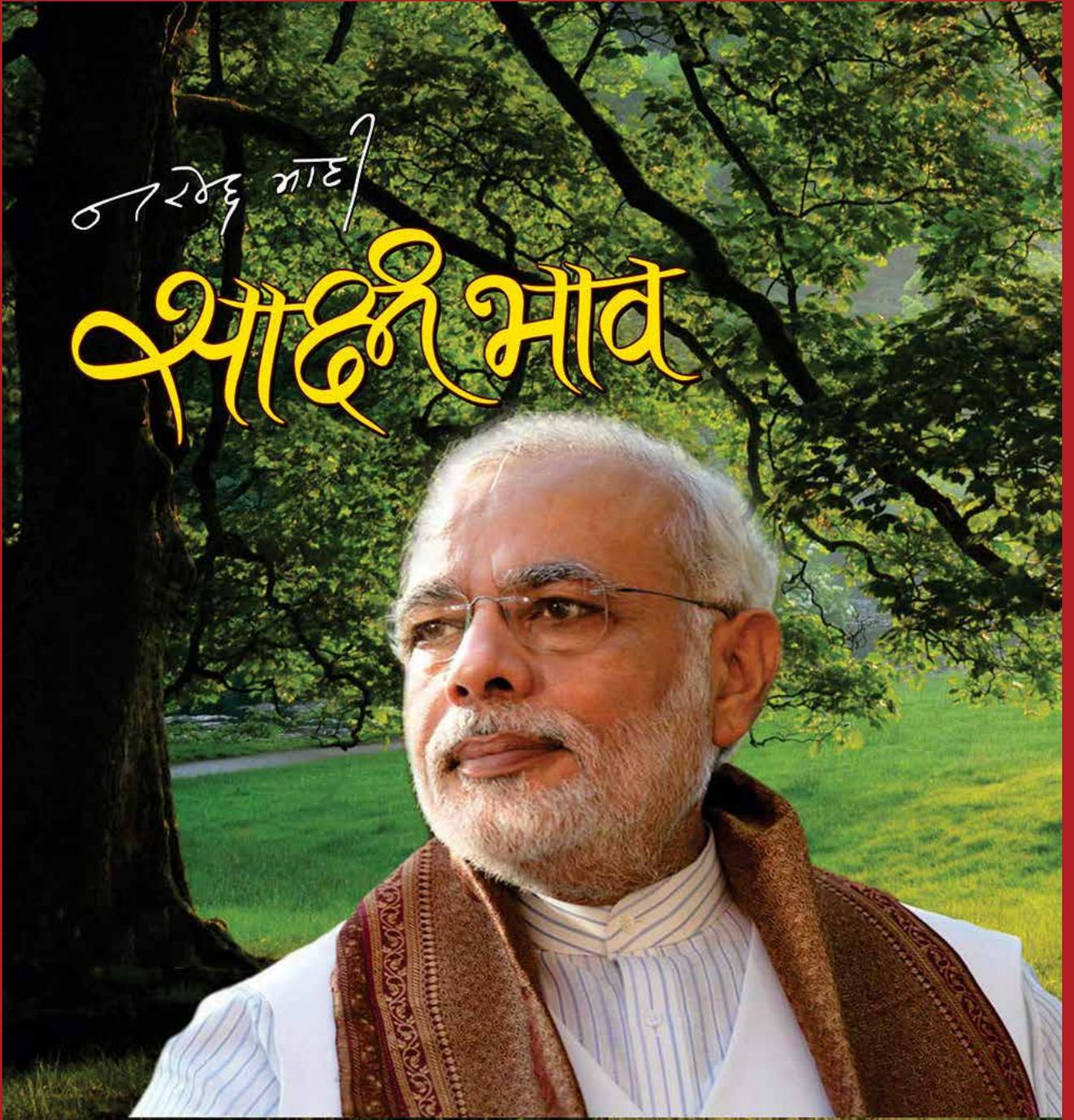


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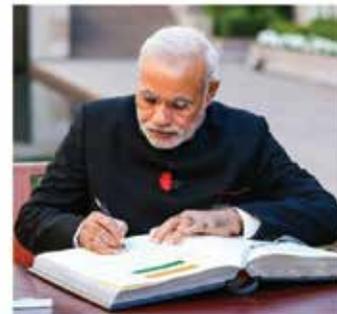
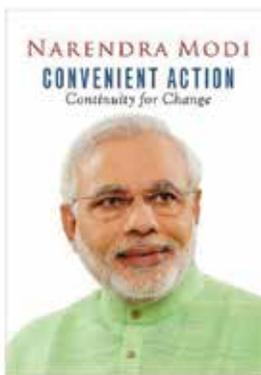
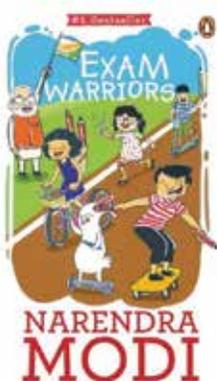




Author, Poet and lot more...life beyond politics

Passionate writer, poet and a lover of culture...these are some of the other ways to describe Shri Narendra Modi. Despite his busy, schedule, Shri Narendra Modi devotes time to some of the things he enjoys doing be it Yoga, writing, interacting with people on social media etc. In between his rallies he Tweets on his experiences there. He has been writing since he was young.

This section takes you through a fact of Shri Narendra Modi that is often lost in this era of 24/7 Breaking News! ■



BOOKS WRITTEN BY NARENDRA MODI

हे... सागर !!!
तुम्हें मेरा प्रणाम!

तू धीर है, संभोर है,
जग को जीवन देता, नीला है नीर तेरा।
ये अथाह विस्तार, ये विशालता,
तेरा ये रूप निराला।

हे... सागर !!!
तुम्हें मेरा प्रणाम!

सतह पर चलता ये कोलाहल, ये उत्थात,
कभी ऊपर तो कभी नीचे।
गरजती लहरों का प्रताप,
ये तुम्हारा दर्द है, आक्रोश है
या फिर संतोष ?
तुम न होते विचलित
न आश्रयित, न भयभीत
क्योंकि तुममें है गहराई!

हे... सागर !!!
तुम्हें मेरा प्रणाम!

शक्ति का अपार भंडार समेटे,
असीमित ऊर्जा स्वयं में लपेटे।
फिर भी अपनी मवादों को बांधे,
तुम कभी न अपनी सीमाएं लांघे!
हर पल बहुधन का बोध दिलाते।

हे... सागर !!!
तुम्हें मेरा प्रणाम!

तू शिक्षादाता, तू दीक्षादाता
तेरी लहरों में जीवन का
संदेश समाता।
न चाह को चाह,
न पनाह को आस,
येपरवाह सा ये प्रवास।

हे... सागर !!!
तुम्हें मेरा प्रणाम!

चलते-चलते जीवन संवारती,
लहरों को दौड़ लेती।
न रुकती, न थकती,
चरैवती, चरैवती, चरैवती का मंत्र सुनाती।
निरंतर... सर्वत्र!
ये यात्रा अनवरत,
ये संदेश अनवरत।

हे... सागर !!!
तुम्हें मेरा प्रणाम!

लहरों से उभरती नई लहरें।
खिल में भी उदय,
जलम-धरण का क्रम है अनूठा,
ये मिटती-मिटती, तुम से समाती,
पुनर्जन्म का अहंसार कराती।

हे... सागर !!!
तुम्हें मेरा प्रणाम!

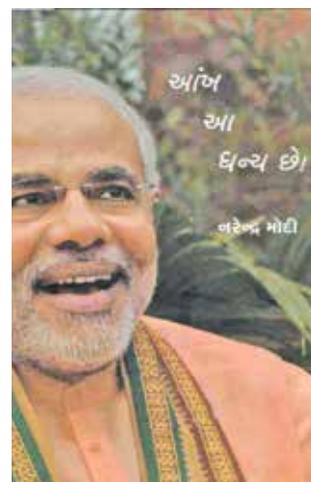
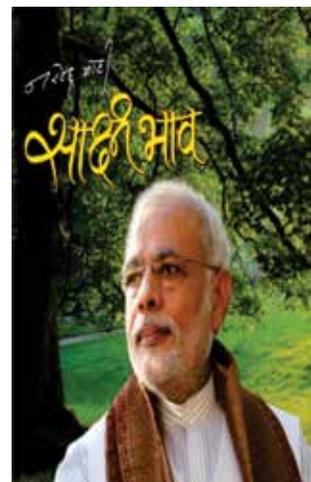
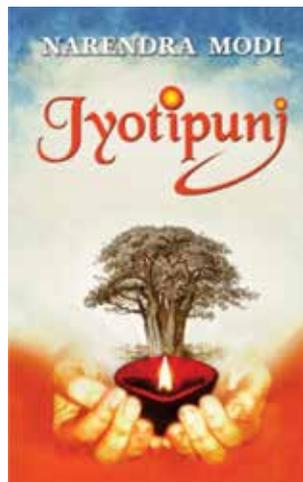
सूरज से तुम्हारा नाता पुराना,
तपता-तपता,
ये जीवन-जल तुम्हारा।
खुद को मिटाता, आसमान को छूता,
मानो सूरज को धूमता,
बन बादल फिर बरसता,
मधु भाव बिखेरता।
सुजलाम-सुफलाम सृष्टि सजाता।

हे... सागर !!!
तुम्हें मेरा प्रणाम!

जीवन का ये सौंदर्य,
जैसे नीलकंठ का आदर्श,
धरा का विष, खुद में समाया,
स्वरासन समेट अपने भीतर,
जग को जीवन नया दिलाया,
जीवन जीने का मर्म सिखाया।

हे... सागर !!!
तुम्हें मेरा प्रणाम!

Narendra Modi





પૃથ્વી આ રમ્ય છે.

આંખ આ ધન્ય છે.

લીલાછમ ઘાસ પર તડકો ઢોળાય અહીં.

તડકાને કેમે કરી ઝાલ્યો ઝિલાય નહીં.

વ્યોમ તો ભવ્ય છે.

ને પૃથ્વી આ રમ્ય છે.

આભમાં મેઘધનુષ મ્હોરતું, ફોરતું.

હવામાં રંગનાં વર્તુળો દોરતું.

ક્રિયા ભવનું પુણ્ય છે?!

જિંદગી ધન્ય છે, ધન્ય છે.

સમુદ્ર આ ઊછળે સાવ ઊંચે આભમાં.

કોણ જાણે શું ભર્યું છે વાદળોના ગાભમાં!

સભર આ શૂન્ય છે.

પૃથ્વી આ રમ્ય છે.

માનવીના મેળા સાથે મેળ આ મળતો રહ્યો.

ને અન્યના સંગાથમાં હું મને કળતો રહ્યો.

આ બધું અનન્ય છે.

ને કેંક તો અગમ્ય છે.

અચાનક

અંધકારના કાળા કાગળ પર

હું ચીતરું છું એક સરોવર.

સરોવર પર ઝૂકે છે એક ડાળી

ભમરાનો ગુંજારવ લઈને.

ઘેરા અંધકારને હળવો કરવા

હું ચીતરું છું એક ચંદ્ર.

હવાને આપું છું ભૂરો ભૂરો રંગ

સરોવરના શાંત જળ જેવો.

અચાનક વૈશાખનો બપોરી સૂરજ

કાગળને બાળીને ભસ્મીભૂત કરી નાખે છે

અને મારા હાથમાં

થીજ જાય છે પીંછી -

મેડકનો ચિત્કાર

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સપનાંની મોસમ

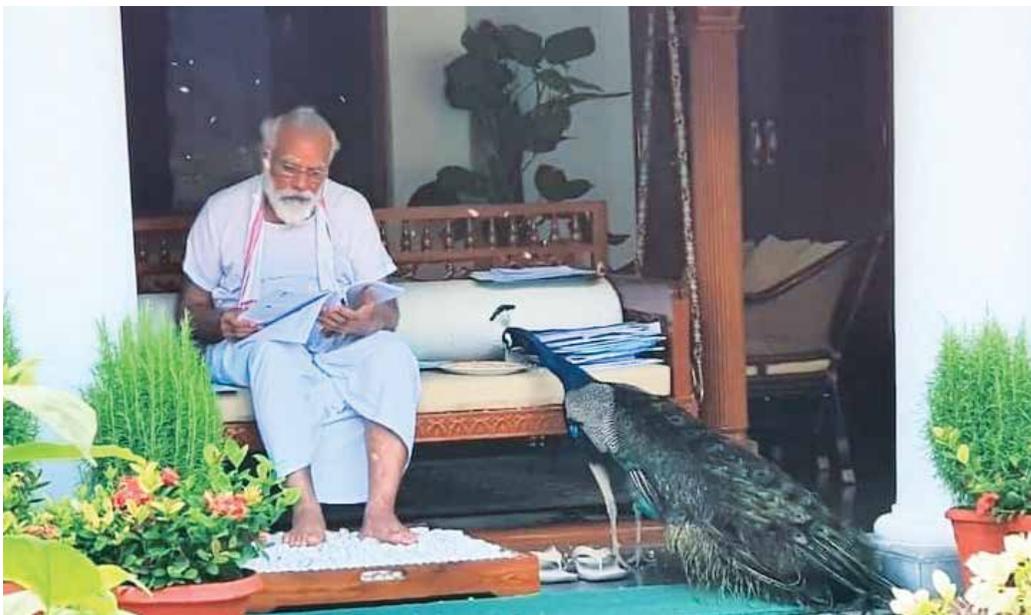
સઘળું બાષ્પીભવન.



भोर भयो, बिन शोर...

भोर भयो, बिन शोर,
मन मोर, भयो विभोर,
रग-रग है रंगा,
नीला भूरा श्याम सुहाना,
मनमोहक, मोर निराला।
रंग है, पर राग नहीं,
विराग का विश्वास यही,
न चाह, न वाह, न आह,
गूँजे घर-घर आज भी गान,
जिये तो मुरली के साथ

जाये तो मुरलीधर के ताज।
जीवात्मा ही शिवात्मा,
अंतर्मन की अनंत धारा
मन मंदिर में उजियारा सारा,
बिन वाद-विवाद, संवाद
बिन सुर-स्वर, संदेश
मोर चहकता मौन महकता।





We are here in the temple of democracy. We will work with all purity... not for the post but the people of the country. Work and responsibility are the biggest things. I accept the responsibility you have reposed in me. For me post is not important, I have not considered that post is important in life but in my view responsibility is the bigger thing.



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