

**THEMATIC COLLECTION OF  
PRIME MINISTER  
NARENDRA MODI'S  
QUOTES ON THE IDEA OF A  
"NEW INDIA"**



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**T**he report titled PRIME MINISTER NARENDRA MODI’S QUOTES ON THE IDEA OF A “NEW INDIA” is a thematic collection of PM’s quotes on his transformational ideas for a “New India”. It traces various themes like “Ek Bharat-Shreshtha Bharat”, “Sushasan”, “Antyodaya”, “Jan Bhagidari”, “Nari Shakti”, “India first”, Environmental protection and Global Outreach and how they lay the foundations for an India which stands for development and social justice powered by the strength of 125 crore Indians. A narrative has been weaved in to provide context to all the cited quotes. It is hoped that this thematic collection, will help identify the larger philosophy which inspires the major policy decision making and work culture for the present government. I would like to extend a special thanks to Dr Anirban Ganguly, Director-Syama Prasad Mookerjee Foundation who has not only been instrumental in conceiving the format for this report but has also provided valuable academic inputs to the same.

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## I. New India & Transformational Change

Invoking the age old Bhartiya values of “**ahimsa parmo dharma** (non-violence is the supreme duty)”, “**sarv dharma sambhav** (equal respect to all religions)” and “**vasudeva kutumbakam** (the world is a family)”<sup>1</sup>, Prime Minister Modi charts out the idea of a “New India”- that which is “driven by innovation, hard work and creativity; an India characterized by peace, unity and brotherhood; and an India free from corruption, terrorism, black money and dirt.”<sup>2</sup> PM Modi recounts that “in May 2014, the people of India ushered in a **New Normal**. My fellow Indians spoke in one voice to entrust my government with a mandate for change. A mandate in which reform would not be enough unless it transforms our economy and society. A transformation that is embedded in the aspiration of India’s youth, and in the boundless energy of its millions.”<sup>3</sup> Crystallizing the concept of **New India**, PM Modi in his Independence Day address said that “We have to take the country ahead with the determination of creating a ‘New India’. In our nation, there is no one big or small- everybody is equal. Together we can bring a positive change in the nation. We need the same determination as we did in the five years between 1942 and 1947. It is with that passion that we need to take India forward. We have to leave this ‘**Chalta Hai**’ attitude. We have to think of ‘**Badal Sakta Hai**’- this attitude will help us as a nation. In 1942, the nation’s call was ‘**Bharat Choro**’ (Quit India). In 2017, the nation’s call is ‘**Bharat Jodo**’ (A United India) that is our true strength. Irrespective of caste, community and religion we are one India”<sup>4</sup>

As opposed to a time when political parties were wary of going to elections based on the agenda of development, this “New India” votes for development over all the other divisive and emotive issues.<sup>5</sup> In his

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own words “India is emerging, which is being powered by the strength & skills of 125 crore Indians. **This India stands for Development.**”<sup>6</sup> And how this is distinct from earlier models of development is that it is “A new India where the poor do not want anything by way of charity, but seek opportunity to chart out their own course. I see this change happening”.<sup>7</sup>

Speaking at the Hannover Industrial fair in Germany, Modi identified the **lions as a symbol of a “New India”**. They roar; but with a message of friendship and promise of partnership, from 1.25 billion people of India.”<sup>8</sup> After the unprecedented victory of the BJP in UP, Modi congratulated his fellow citizens by expressing that “I see this victory as the foundation of a new India where the dreams of its Yuva Shakti is taking shape. A new India about giving opportunities to the poor is taking shape.”<sup>9</sup> ..A new India that fulfils aspirations of

1 PM Modi on Winter session, Lok sabha 2015

2 PM Modi at BJP headquarters following win in state elections, March 12, 2017

3 Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s inaugural address at the opening session of the Second Raisina Dialogue on 17th Jan, 2017

4 PM Modi at the 71st independence day address on August, 15, 2017

5 PM Modi at BJP headquarters following win in state elections, March 12, 2017

6 PM Modi at BJP headquarters following win in state elections, March 12, 2017

7 PM Modi at BJP headquarters following win in state elections, March 12, 2017

8 At Hannover Industrial Fair, Germany, 2015

9 PM Modi at BJP headquarters following win in state elections, March 12, 2017

its **Nari Shakti** is taking shape, says the PM <sup>10</sup>

Acting on the same ideals, PM Modi very courageously implemented Demonetization of currency notes in a fight against Black Money. He notes that earlier “social evils had become part of our life. But events after November 8 (2016) force us to reflect back on that. It has proved how important **Sachhai and Achhai** are to Indians.<sup>11</sup> And that through demonetization & the relentless sacrifice made by the common Wo(Man) to support the fight against black money, “India became witness to a **Shuddhikaran** (purification) drive. For coming years, this will decide the course of things to come”.<sup>12</sup> And finally “when India turns 75 in 2022, BJP will bring in a new India” <sup>13</sup>

Highlighting the urgency to carve out a New India, PM Modi says that “In 1942, the need of the hour was to free India from colonialism. Today, 75 years later the issues are different, let us pledge to **free India from poverty, dirt, corruption, terrorism, casteism, communalism** & create a ‘**New India**’ of our dreams by 2022.”. Thus, giving the slogan of ‘**Sankalp se Siddhi**’ (pledge to achieve), he exhorted the country-wo(men) to “create the India that our freedom fighters would be proud of”. <sup>14</sup>

Conclusively the PM re-affirms that “The time for incremental change is long over. The current age is one that requires **transformational change**.” The Prime Minister asserts that the Union Government has the courage and the ability to deliver transformational change for bettering the lives of the people. He pointed out that, historically, Indian policy-makers had tended to lament its constraints rather than play to its strengths. Laying out the broad contours of India’s development path, the Prime Minister said that judicious and intelligent application of India’s natural resources and human resources, would be at the heart of this change.<sup>15</sup>

## II. National Integration

**G**iving the analogy of a human body, The Prime Minister says that just as how all organs of the human body needed to be fit in order for a person to be healthy; similarly, all sections of the society, and all regions of the country needed to be prosperous, in order to make India prosperous. He said his Government does not want to move forward on numbers, but on **unity** and **consensus**.<sup>16</sup> He notes that “if the unity of the country gets disturbed, the dreams also get shattered, therefore, whether it is the poison of casteism, communal fanaticism, we don’t have to allow it in any form whatsoever, not allow it to take root, and then we have to cure the poison of casteism, the fanaticism of communalism with the nectar of

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development, distribute the flow of the nectar of development and through the flow of this nectar attempt bringing about a new awareness”. <sup>17</sup>

<sup>10</sup> PM Modi at BJP headquarters following win in state elections, March 12, 2017

<sup>11</sup> PM Narendra Modi’s Speech On Demonetization On New Year’s Eve 31 December 2017

<sup>12</sup> PM Narendra Modi’s Speech On Demonetization On New Year’s Eve 31 December 2017

<sup>13</sup> PM Modi at BJP headquarters following win in state elections, March 12, 2017

<sup>14</sup> PM Modi on Quit India Movement, 9th August, 2017

<sup>15</sup> PM asks NITI Aayog to create a vision for transformational change, 28 Jul, 2016

<sup>16</sup> PM’s reply on motion of thanks on President’s address in Lok Sabha: 11 Jun, 2014

<sup>17</sup> English rendering of PM’s address to the Nation from the ramparts of the Red Fort on the 69th Independence Day 15 Aug, 2015

**“चुनाव में हम दो विषय को लेकर के मैदान में उतरे थे। एक हमारा आग्रह था Good Governance दूसरा हमारा आग्रह था Development हम मानते हैं कि भारत की सभी समस्याओं का समाधान, जब तक हम इन बातों पर focus नहीं कर सकते, तब तक हम नहीं कर पाते”<sup>19</sup> PM Modi**

ये भारत माता, इस भारत माता के गले में सवा सौ करोड़ हिन्दुस्तान रूप फूलों की माला सजी हुई है। सवा सो करोड़ देशवासी पुष्प के रूप में ये माला से बंधे हुए हैं, और ये सवा सौ करोड़ पुष्पों को जोड़ने वाला जो धागा है वो धागा है हमारी भारतीयता की भावना।<sup>18</sup> एक भारत-श्रेष्ठ भारत एक प्रयास है देश की सांस्कृतिक विविधता को एक सूत्र में पिरोने का। हमारे देश में भाषाएं भले अलग-अलग हों, खान-पान अलग-अलग हों, रहने का तरीका अलग-अलग हो, रीति-रिवाज अलग-अलग हों, लेकिन आत्मा एक ही है। उस आत्मा का नाम है – भारतीयता। और इस भारतीयता के लिये मैं और आप हम सब गर्व करते हैं।<sup>19</sup>

**“Government is more attentive to substance, rather than symbolism; integrated development rather than isolated development; & empowerment rather than entitlement”<sup>19</sup>.**

Addressing civil servants on Civil Services Day, the Prime Minister recalled **Sardar Patel's vision of the Civil Services** of independent India, and the role of the Civil Services in national integration. The Prime Minister said today socio-economic integration should also be an objective of the Civil Services. He said national unity today implied an end to the digital divide, urban-rural divide, and all forms of socio-economic inequity. “Sheelam Param Bhushanam”, (character is the highest virtue) the Prime Minister reminded the civil servants<sup>20</sup>

While quoting **Chanakya's** words, “यद दुरं यद दुराद्यम्, यद च दुरै, व्यवस्थितम्, तत् सर्वम् तपसा साध्यम् तपोहिदुर्तिक्रमम्.” to summarize how the whole GST process has resulted in National Integration, PM Modi said “Even if something is very difficult to be achieved, one can obtain it with penance and hard work. Can we imagine, when we became independent there were more than 500 Princely states. If it was not for Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel to integrate these Princely states, what would have been the political map of India today? Just as **Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel** unified India by helping several princely states subsume into a common entity, the **GST** will bring economic unification. If we take into consideration the 29 states, the 7 Union Territories, the 7 taxes of the Centre and the 8 taxes of the states, and several different taxes for different commodities, the number of taxes sum up to a figure of 500! Today all those taxes will be shredded off to have **ONE NATION, ONE TAX** right from Ganganagar to Itanagar and from Leh to Lakshadweep.”<sup>21</sup>

Additionally, the government has been focusing on the development of the North-East region through its pro-active “**Act East Policy**”. As part of this policy, the PM notes that “we are focusing on reducing the isolation of the region by improving all round connectivity through road, rail, telecom, power and waterways sectors. If the western region of the country can develop, if other regions of the country can develop, I see no reason why the North-East region of the country cannot develop”<sup>22</sup>

**“We are one team. Let us bring openness in Governance, come closer and work together.” (Pehle paas paas aaiye; phir saath saath chaliye)<sup>22</sup> PM Modi**

### III. Good Governance

सुशासन or Good Governance has been a defining feature of the Modi government. PM Modi remarks that “Good Governance is the key to a nation’s progress. Our government is committed to providing a **transparent and accountable** administration which works for the betterment and welfare of the common citizen. The effort to usher in an era of सुशासन has just begun, and begun on a very promising note. An open and accountable administration is what we had promised to deliver and we will do so”.<sup>23</sup> “चुनाव में हम दो विषय को लेकर के मैदान में उतरे थे। एक हमारा आग्रह था Good Governance दूसरा हमारा आग्रह था Development हम मानते हैं कि भारत की सभी समस्याओं का समाधान, जब तक हम इन बातों पर focus नहीं कर सकते, तब तक हम नहीं कर पाते”<sup>24</sup>

PM Modi says that the Government aims to **Reform; Perform; Transform**. “We want to develop good governance where processes are less & things get done easy for citizens.”<sup>25</sup> An important step for Good

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Governance is simplification of procedures and processes in the Government so as to make the entire system transparent and faster.<sup>26</sup> While we look at e-Governance, let us think about ‘mobile first’ and thus give importance to m-Governance (mobile governance).<sup>27</sup>

On the occasion of Civil Service Day, PM while interacting with the Secretaries of Union Government: “We are one team. Let us bring openness in Governance, come closer and work together.” (Pehle paas paas aaiye; phir saath saath chaliye)<sup>28</sup> On the subject of good governance, the Prime Minister said it requires the **ART of Accountability, Responsibility and Transparency**. He said that as the Indian economy moves from “scarcity” to “plenty,” the Civil Services required capacity-building to be able to better serve people.<sup>29</sup>

Giving an example, the PM says that “the Emergency surely stands out as one of the darkest periods in our history and is a grim reminder of the dangers associated with subverting freedom of speech, press, expression and silencing opposition. Our democracy will not sustain if we can’t guarantee freedom of speech and expression. Today is also a day to reaffirm our pledge to safeguard these values and at the same time create strong institutions through good governance so that that we never ever see those dark days again”<sup>30</sup>. Conclusively he emphasizes, that “whether it is Panchayat or Parliament, Gram Pradhan or Pradhan Mantri, everyone, every single **democratic institution** has to discharge his of its responsibilities, has to fulfil his or its duties to further the cause of Good Governance.”

Furthermore, the PM defines how **Good Governance and Development** have to work simultaneously to shape the future of India- “Good Governance मैं मानता हूँ कि Development plus Good Governance तभी जाकर के जनता जनार्दन के सपने पूरे होते हैं। सिर्फ Development से स्पिरिट्स पूरे नहीं होते हैं। सिर्फ Good Governance से भी नहीं होते हैं। Development And Good Governance दोनों का Combination होता है, तब जनसामान्य को समाधान होता है। बस अड्डा बनाऊँ, बस स्टेशन अच्छा बनाऊँ Development हुआ, लेकिन बस समय पर आए, बस में साफ सफाई हो, Driver, Conductor का व्यवहार ठीक हो ये Good Governance होता है। तब उसको समाधान मिलता है हाँ ये मेरी सरकार है ये मेरा देश है, ये मेरी संपत्ति है।”<sup>31</sup>

23 PM’s message to the nation on Good governance- December 25th, 2014

24 PM’s address at Council on Foreign Relations in New York City on 29 Sep, 2014

25 PM Modi answers questions at the Town Hall marking 2 years of mygov, August, 6, 2016

26 PM’s message to the nation on Good governance- December 25th, 2014.

27 PM’s Twitter Address to the 18th National Conference on e-Governance 30 Jan, 2015

28 PM to Secretaries of Union Government: Prime Minister’s Office (01-November, 2014 21:12 IST )

29 PM’s remarks at the Valedictory Session of Civil Services Day event , 21 Apr, 2015

30 PM blogs on completion of one month in office , Every decision guided solely by national interest, 26th June 2014

31 PM Modi addresses Dutch-Indian community at the Hague, Netherlands, June 2017

#### IV. Model of Development / Strengthening implementation infrastructure

Referring to the Gujarat model, Shri Modi said the Gujarat model has tried to imbibe whatever best practices were being followed in any part of India. India is a diverse country, and therefore, **any best practice being followed in any part of India should become our model**. The Prime Minister expressed satisfaction that at least a competition on development, is now emerging among states.<sup>32</sup> “Our Government is formed with 'Bahumat' but runs through 'Sarvamat'. Ours is a government of everyone”<sup>33</sup>

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Mentioning the characteristics of this Government, PM Modi mentions that

- ये सरकार सज्जनों की मित्र है और दुर्जनों को सज्जनता के रास्ते पर लौटाने के लिए उपयुक्त वातावरण को तैयार करने के पक्ष में है।<sup>34</sup>
- पिछले द्वाइ वर्षों में सवा सौ करोड़ देशवासियों के सहयोग से आज भारत ने ग्लोबल इकॉनमी में एक “ब्राइट स्पॉट” के रूप में उपस्थिति दर्ज कराई है।<sup>35</sup>
- ये ऐसी सरकार है कि शिलान्यास भी हम ही करते हैं और उद्घाटन भी हम ही करना चाहते हैं। योजनाएं समय सीमा में होनी चाहिए। निर्धारित बजट में होनी चाहिए। हो सके तो समय भी बचना चाहिए, धन भी बचना चाहिए और काम उत्तम होना चाहिए।<sup>36</sup>
- I have said before that India can become a developed country in one generation. New cities will be important in creating the new India of our dreams:

- a confident India
- a prosperous India
- an inclusive India
- our India.<sup>37</sup>

PM Modi further explains the **Implementation Model** in greater detail. “We assumed office at a time when confidence in the India story was waning. Un-abated corruption and indecisiveness had paralyzed the government. People had been left helpless against ever climbing inflation and economic insecurity. Urgent and decisive action was needed.<sup>38</sup> We systematically went about addressing these challenges. Runaway prices were immediately brought under control. The languishing economy was rejuvenated, building on stable, **policy-driven proactive governance**.

Discretionary allotment of our precious natural resources to some chosen few was replaced with transparent auctions. Firm steps were taken against Black Money, from setting up a SIT and passing a stringent black money law, to generating international consensus against the same. Uncompromising adherence to the principle of **purity, in action as well as intent**, ensured a corruption-free government. Significant changes have been brought about in work culture, nurturing a combination of **empathy as well as professionalism, systems**

<sup>32</sup> PM's reply on motion of thanks on President's address in Lok Sabha-11 Jun, 2014

<sup>33</sup> PM Modi at BJP headquarters following win in state elections, March 12, 2017

<sup>34</sup> Prime Minister Narendra Modi's address to the nation on the eve of New Year 2017

<sup>35</sup> PM Narendra Modi's address to the Nation on 8th Nov, 2016

<sup>36</sup> PM Modi's address at the launch of development works in Varanasi on 24th Oct, 2016

<sup>37</sup> Prime Minister Narendra Modi's address at the Inauguration of the India International Exchange at GIFT city, Gandhinagar on 09 Jan, 2017

<sup>38</sup> Text of PM's letter to the people, 26 May, 2015



as well breaking of silos. State governments have been made equal partners in the quest for national development, building the spirit of Team India. Most importantly, we have been able to restore Trust in the government”.<sup>39</sup>

A perfect example of the implementation model of the Modi government would be the launch of his ambitious multi-purpose and multi-modal platform **PRAGATI (Pro-Active Governance and Timely Implementation)**. Immediately after assuming office, the Prime Minister had shown his keenness to design a credible mechanism for redressal of Public Grievances. With that spirit and for holistic development of the country, it was also felt necessary to facilitate from the Union Government level the projects of the States. Accordingly, with the three

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objectives of: **Grievance Redressal, Programme Implementation and Project Monitoring, an IT-based redressal and monitoring system** has been designed. It also offers a unique combination in the direction of cooperative federalism since it brings on one stage the Secretaries of Government of India and the Chief Secretaries of the States.<sup>40</sup> “We should also adopt a rigorous system of **evaluation of schemes and projects**. I will work with you in this effort.”<sup>41</sup> While addressing the civil servants, the Prime Minister exhorted them to become “**agents of change**” in their respective organizations and departments.

He said that his mantra of “**Reform to Transform**”, should be interpreted by civil servants as “Reform to Perform to Transform.” He said if civil servants were able to perform, the transformation on the ground would be evident.<sup>42</sup>

The Prime Minister mentions how the **speed of delivery** in vital areas of governance had increased. The Prime Minister speaks of the scale on which work had been accomplished in certain areas, such as opening of 21 crore bank accounts under the Jan Dhan Yojana, construction of 2 crore toilets in rural areas, and electrification of 10,000 unelectrified villages in a short span of time.<sup>43</sup> Giving illustrations of **effective delivery**, the Prime Minister mentioned clearance of sugarcane arrears, new **LPG connections**, and PSUs such as **Air India** and **BSNL** reporting operational profits. Mentioning the emphasis on transparency, the Prime Minister said subsidies are being better targeted to those that need them. He said international rating agencies have acknowledged the progress in key areas of governance.<sup>44</sup> Earlier, it used to take four to six months to get a Passport if you had no recommendation; now you get it in one or two weeks. In 2015-16 only one crore 75 lakh Passports, issuing in such a short time, but we did it.

Giving factual evidence for the changes brought about in the 3 years of BJP government, the PM notes that- “earlier, 70-75 Km of rural road used to be built in a day; today that speed (of work) has been increased to 100 Km per day. We have given 4 crore new gas connections in 60 weeks.<sup>45</sup> We are taking a leap towards **next generation infrastructure**: in both core and social sectors; in both rural and urban areas. This includes Freight Corridors, Industrial Corridors, High Speed and Metro Rail projects, Logistics Parks, Smart Cities, Coastal

39 Text of PM's letter to the people , 26 May, 2015

40 PM launches PRAGATI: a multi-purpose, multi-modal platform for Pro-Active Governance And Timely Implementation , 25 Mar, 2015

41 PM writes to Chief Ministers , Government accepts recommendations of the 14th Finance Commission , PIB (Release ID :115722)

42 Press Information Bureau , Prime Minister's Office 21-April-2016 12:43 IST

43 PM addresses Nation from the ramparts of the Red Fort on 70th Independence Day 15 Aug, 2016

44 PM addresses Nation from the ramparts of the Red Fort on 70th Independence Day 15 Aug, 2016

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

Zones, regional airports, water, sanitation and energy initiatives.<sup>46</sup> Crores of families have mobile phones but not a bank account. We have to change this situation. Who so ever will open an account under Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana will be provided with a debit card and insurance worth Rs. 1 lakh”.<sup>47</sup>

The importance of **Digital India** to the nation’s development cannot be overstated. PM Modi seeks inspiration from how “India invented the concept of ‘zero’ and the ‘decimal system’ more than two thousand years ago. It is no accident that Indians are now at the forefront of Information Technology and Finance, both

**“Earlier, 70-75 kilo metre of rural road used to be built in a day; today that speed (of work) has been increased to 100 km per day. We have given 4 crore new gas connections in 60 weeks.” PM Modi**

areas of knowledge where zero plays a crucial role!”<sup>48</sup> Similarly “technology is an empowering tool for the citizen and an accountability medium for the government. My government fully recognizes the huge potential of this tool –Digital India aims to transform the country into a digitally empowered society and knowledge economy. Proposed to be implemented in phases, Digital India is transformational in nature and would ensure that Government services are available to citizens electronically. It would also bring in greater accountability through mandated delivery of government’s services electronically.”<sup>49</sup>

Giving a beautiful analogy PM Modi says that “there was a time when it was said that Railway unites the country. I say, today IT has the power to unite the country and its people.”<sup>50</sup>

Interestingly an equal or probably a greater focus is being given on **digitization in the rural areas**- “भाइयों बहनों हमने डिजिटल इंडिया का मिशन उठाया है उन ढाई लाख पंचायतों जहां पर ऑप्टिकल फाइबर नेटवर्क का काम चल रहा है। तेज गति से काम चल रहा है। और आने वाले कुछ ही समय में इन ढाई लाख गांवों तक डिजिटल व्यवस्था करने के लिये ऑप्टिकल फाइबर नेटवर्क खड़ा कर के आधुनिक से आधुनिक व्यवस्था ट्रांसमीटर की और उसके कारण लॉग डिस्टेंस एजुकेशन संभव होगा बड़ सेक्सन में होगा। जो सुविधाएं शहर में उपलब्ध हैं वो ज्ञान की सुविधाएं गांव को भी उपलब्ध हो उस दिशा में हम काम करने की दिशा में प्रयास कर रहे हैं।”<sup>51</sup>

## V. Welfare Model- Antyodaya

**P**andit **Deen Dayal Upadhyaya’s doctrine on Antyodya** or service to the last wo(man) standing is the central guiding principle for the Welfare model proposed by the Modi led BJP government. PM goes further to recount how “the foundations laid by Pt Deendayal Upadhyaya is why we have been able to complete this journey from Vipaksha to Vikalpa”<sup>52</sup> ,In the PM’s own words- “Antyodaya is integral to our work. We understand the strength of India’s poor. Reposing faith in the power of the commons<sup>53</sup> ” Last mile delivery of policies important; benefits must reach beneficiaries.<sup>54</sup> We should support the poor in their fight against poverty and empower them in this arduous effort of theirs because no one wants to remain poor and they also wish to get rid of poverty. Hence the meaningfulness of our resources, our schemes and our programs is in their usefulness to the cause of welfare of the poor.”<sup>55</sup>

46 PM Narendra Modi’s address at the Inauguration Ceremony of Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit 2017 on 10 Jan, 2017

47 Highlights of PM’s address on the Independence Day 15 Aug, 2014

48 Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s address at the Inauguration of the India International Exchange at GIFT city, Gandhinagar on 09 Jan, 2017

49 PM’s message to the nation on Good governance- December 25th, 2014.

50 Highlights of PM’s address on the Independence Day 15 Aug, 2014

51 PM Modi addresses Dutch-Indian community at the Hague, Netherlands, June 2017

52 PM Modi on releasing full volumes of Pt Deendayal Upadhyay’s works- October 9, 2016

53 PM Modi at BJP headquarters following win in state elections, March 12,2017

54 PM Modi answers questions at the Town Hall marking 2 years of mygov, August, 6, 2016

55 English rendering of PM’s address to the Nation from the ramparts of the Red Fort on the 69th Independence Day 15 Aug, 2015

PM Modi cites various **examples** where the BJP government has **implemented the welfare model of Antyodaya** - “Guided by the principle of Antyodaya, our Government is dedicated to the poor, marginalized and those left behind. We are working towards empowering them to become our soldiers in the war against poverty. Numerous measures and schemes have been initiated – from making school **toilets** to setting up **IITs, IIMs and AIIMS**; from providing a **vaccination cover** to our children to initiating a people-driven **Swachh Bharat mission**; from ensuring a minimum **pension** to our labourers to providing **social security** to the common

**“Last mile delivery of policies is important; benefits must reach beneficiaries: PM” PM Modi**

man; from enhancing support to our **farmers** hit by natural calamities to defending their interests at **WTO**; from empowering one and all with self-attestation to delivering subsidies directly to people's banks; from universalizing the banking system to funding the unfunded small businesses; from irrigating fields to rejuvenating **Ma Ganga**; from moving towards **24x7 power** to connecting the nation through **road and rail**; from building homes for the homeless to setting up **smart cities**, and from connecting the **North-East** to prioritizing development of Eastern India.”<sup>56</sup>

The welfare of **Persons with Disabilities** is an area that the PM holds very close to his heart. PM Modi has in fact changed the entire discourse around disability welfare by coining a new term for PED, called “**Divyang**” or divine as opposed to the earlier connotation of Viklang or disenfranchised. He says “मेरे सामने पांच-सात कार्यक्रमों के प्रोजेक्ट पड़े हो तो मेरे स्वभाव के मुताबिक मैं दिव्यांग के कार्यक्रम को प्रधानता देता हूँ<sup>57</sup> 1992 से 2014 तक दिव्यांगजनों को सहायता पहुंचाने के सिर्फ 56 कार्यक्रम हुए थे। दो साल में यह सरकार बनने के बाद साडे चार हजार ऐसे कार्यक्रम किये गये और देशभर में से खोज खोज करके अब तक साडे पांच लाख दिव्यांगजनों को सीधी सहायता मुहैया करा दी गयी है।<sup>58</sup>

Similarly, welfare of the **socially oppressed-Dalits, Tribal and Women** forms a central theme in the Antyodaya model. PM says “All those who were self-appointed guardians of Dalits did not like it that Modi is with the Dalits, that Modi devotes himself to tribals. I am devoted to the development of all the dalits, oppressed, underprivileged, deprived, women. Those who see this as an obstruction to their politics are the ones creating trouble.<sup>59</sup> इस सरकार के केन्द्र में इस देश का गरीब, पीड़ित, दलित, शोषित, वंचित है, आदिवासी भाई है और उनके कल्याण के लिये काम करनेवाली ये सरकार है।<sup>60</sup> Citing **technology** and **smokeless chulha** as important tools for empowerment of the

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socially disadvantaged, PM Modi says भीमराव अम्बेडकर के जीवन का मंत्र यही था ‘बहुजन हिताय, बहुजन सुखाय।’ वे दलित, पीड़ित, शोषित, वंचितों के मसीहा थे। ये Technology उसकी सबसे बड़ी ताकत; गरीब से गरीब को Empower करने की ताकत इसमें पड़ी हुई है।<sup>61</sup> “मेरा सपना है कि 3 साल में हिंदुस्तान के गरीब परिवारों के घर में जहां लकड़ी का चूल्हा जलता है, जहां खाना पकाने में हर मां के भीतर बहुत धुंआ जाता है, उन माताओं को धुंए से बचाना है। गरीब के घर में गैस का चूल्हा जलाना है। ये कोशिश कर रहा हूँ।”

A distinguishing feature of this welfare model from those that have been used by the previous governments is that the Antyodaya model does not limit itself to lip service. The example of bank penetration makes this

56 Text of PM's letter to the people 26 May, 2015

57 PM Modi's speech at Samajik Adhikarita Shivir, Vadodara on 22nd Oct, 2016

58 Prime Minister Narendra Modi's speech at Samajik Adhikarita Shivir, Vadodara on 22nd Oct, 2016

59 Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Interview to Network18

60 Prime Minister Narendra Modi's speech at Samajik Adhikarita Shivir, Vadodara on 22nd Oct, 2016

61 Prime Minister Narendra Modi's speech at DigiDhan Mela in New Delhi's Talkatora Stadium on 30 Dec, 2016

proposition more clear. Quoting PM Modi, “Even after sixty years of independence, even when the banks were nationalized for the poor, 40% people of the country were without a bank account till the last 15th of August; the doors of the banks were not open for the poor. We resolved that we would erase this blot and would provide a solid base to the financial inclusion which is talked about the world over, by integrating the poorest of the poor to the mainstream economic activities, and this is only the beginning. We had decided that unlike the previous work culture of talking in terms of uncertain time frames, we will complete the work by the 26th of January as the country celebrates the next Republic Day.<sup>62</sup> सिर्फ योजना बनाना नहीं सरकार के सभी अंग संवेदनशील हो, योजनाए गरीब के घर, दलित के घर, वंचित के घर...उसके घर तक पहुंचे इसके लिए भारत सरकार पूरी तरह आग्रही है और परिणामकारी है।<sup>63</sup>

While refuting the social evils of corruption, exploitation of poor and the black money trail, PM Modi says, “India wants to progress. Corruption and black money is slowing our progress and adversely affecting the poor. These evils have to end. These games of looting the poor and exploiting the middle classes will now be history.<sup>64</sup> Hence it is important to note that an equal focus has been given to the middle classes. Shri Modi says, “The burden on the middle class should reduce. This will enable our middle classes to shine. The **strength of the poor** and the **aspirations of the middle class** will take India to new heights.”<sup>64</sup> “मुझे मध्यम वर्ग का शोषण बंद करवाना है, उनके लिए लूट जो हो रही है; वो लूट बंद करवानी है, और मुझे गरीबों का जो हक है वो हक दिलवाना है।”<sup>65</sup>

## VI. Public Participation

**P**ublic Participation in democracy and development is a central theme in the current discourse. PM Modi explains that “a vibrant democracy requires **Jan Bhaagidaari** – the participation of the people”<sup>66</sup> “**Citizen-First**” is our mantra, our motto and our guiding principle. It has been my dream to bring government closer to our citizens, so that they become active participants in the governance process.<sup>67</sup>

PM Modi explains the larger vision for Jan Bhagidari by noting that “India’s strength lies in the three Ds: **Democracy, Demography and Demand**.”<sup>68</sup> “I keep saying that democracy does not mean that you vote and give contract of five years for running the country. Voting is a crucial part of democracy, but there are several other

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aspects too. The biggest aspect is people’s participation -- the pulse of the people, the thinking of the people. The more governments associate with the people, the more is the country strengthened<sup>69</sup> Elections are about ‘**Lok Shikshan**’ and deepening the bond between people and democracy<sup>70</sup> And hence the “Spirit of democracy is incomplete if one thinks the citizen’s role stops at voting: PM Modi”<sup>71</sup> Reflecting on the potential of human resource, Modi say “If India has lakhs of problems, it also has one hundred and twenty five crore brains that have the ability to resolve them.<sup>72</sup> He adds by saying that “if we run the country through the participation of One Hundred and twenty five crore Indians, our country will be moving ahead one hundred and twenty five

62 English rendering of PM’s address to the Nation from the ramparts of the Red Fort on the 69th Independence Day 15 Aug, 2015

63 Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s speech at Samajik Adhikarita Shivir, Vadodara on 22nd Oct, 2016

64 Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s address to the farmers at inauguration ceremony of Amul units in Deesa, Gujarat on 10 Dec, 2016

65 Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s address at foundation stone laying ceremony of AIIMS in Bhatinda on 25 Nov, 2016

66 PM Narendra Modi addresses the Jagran Forum, December 10, 2015

67 PM’s message to the nation on Good governance- December 25th, 2014.

68 PM Narendra Modi’s address at the Inauguration Ceremony of Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit 2017 on 10 Jan

69 PM Modi’s speech on 26 June, 2016

70 PM Modi at BJP headquarters following win in state elections, March 12, 2017

71 PM Modi answers questions at the Town Hall marking 2 years of mygov, August, 6, 2016

72 Prime Minister’s Address on Independence Day 15th August, 2016

crore steps every moment. That is why we have encouraged this people's participation as "Team India".<sup>73</sup>

Emphasizing on the role of each and every citizen in the working of the government, PM Modi says that "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."<sup>74</sup> "There was a day some years ago when the voice of the countrymen was muzzled on June 26 and there is a time when the people themselves decide whether the government is performing well or badly. This is the strength of democracy."<sup>75</sup>

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Similarly highlighting the importance of **redressal of public grievances**, PM says that "Our government considers redress of public grievances as a very important component of a responsive administration. I have instructed all the Ministries to ensure that redress of public grievances receives the highest priority;<sup>76</sup> Grievance redressal systems are the biggest strengths of a democracy."<sup>77</sup>

Citing the role of citizens in nation making, PM Modi says has urged the NITI Aayog to take inspiration from events such as the success of the Give-it-Up campaign, and the widespread positive response from the people to the Swachhta Abhiyan. This experience disproves the assumption commonly made by experts that people are only interested in benefits for themselves; it shows that people are motivated by the larger public good.<sup>78</sup> Similarly, the end goal of public participation according to PM Modi is best summed up by the following quote "As **Swami Vivekananda** said that once again Mother India has awoken, my mother India will take her place as teacher of the world and every Indian will be a tool of global welfare."<sup>79</sup>

## VII. Nari Shakti

The Prime Minister said the Government has taken a holistic, integrated approach towards welfare of women, which includes elements such as **Beti-Bachao, Beti Padhao, Sukanya Samridhi Yojana, and Ujjwala Yojana**, to ensure the physical, educational and financial well-being of women.<sup>80</sup> And he has immense faith in the potential of Nari Shakti whereby he claims that "I am proud of the fact that in our culture the role of women is central. India is home to many women saints, who led the movements for social reform be it in the north, south, east or west."<sup>81</sup>

PM Modi seeks to trigger a **cultural change** in the way the society sets the norms for men and women. In the Independence Day address, 2014 he remarked that "parents ask a number of questions when a daughter

73 English rendering of PM's address to the Nation from the ramparts of the Red Fort on the 69th Independence Day, 15 Aug, 2015

74 Highlights of PM's address on the Independence Day 15 Aug, 2014

75 PM Modi's speech on 26 June, 2016

76 PM's message to the nation on Good governance- December 25th, 2014.

77 PM Modi answers questions at the Town Hall marking 2 years of mygov, August, 6, 2016

78 PM asks NITI Aayog to create a vision for transformational change, 28 Jul, 2016

79 Highlights of PM's address on the Independence Day 15 Aug, 2014

80 PM addresses Nation from the ramparts of the Red Fort on 70th Independence Day 15 Aug, 2016

81 Prime Minister Narendra Modi's speech at unveiling of 112 feet statue of "Adiyogi - The Shiva" on 24 Feb, 2017

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."<sup>82</sup> Addressing the issue of sanitation and women empowerment PM Modi said that "presently, our mothers and sisters are forced to defecate in open. Do we like this and is not our responsibility to arrange for toilets at least? I have to launch a Swachh Bharat campaign from 2nd October

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and we want to carry this forward within four years. One task which I would like to begin today, is toilet in all schools of India and a separate toilet for girls. Only then the girls will not drop out of school.<sup>83</sup>

Talking about women empowerment PM Modi says “Women Empowerment कैसे होगा, Women led Development कैसे होगा। ये उससे नजर आता है। आज भी दुनिया के Forever कहे जाने वाले देशों में Maternity leave Average 12 week है... developed Country में भी Working Women के लिये Maternity leave 12 week है। भारत एक ऐसा देश है जिसने Parliament में कानून बनाया और अब Working Women को 26 week का Maternity leave दिया जाता है। 6 महीने और वो इसलिये हम भारत के भविष्य की ओर देखते हैं अभी तो ऐसा लगेगा अच्छा 6 महीने नौकरी करेगी पगार खाएगी। किसी को लगता होगा। लेकिन वो 6 महीने उस बालक की परवरिश करती है, जो मेरे देश के आने वाले कल है। ये Investment है यानी 26 सप्ताह एक Working Women को नौकरी से छुट्टी देना पगार चालू रखना शुरू में तो लगता है काम कौन करेगा, शुरू में तो लगता है मुफ्त का पैसा देना लेकिन लम्बे दूर देखते हैं तो पता चलता है उसकी गोद में जो बालक है उसका मां की गोद में ऐसा लालन पालन होना छह महीने का उसका Base इतना मजबूत होगा कि मेरा भविष्य उज्वल हो जाएगा, मेरा भविष्य मजबूत हो जाएगा इस दिशा में काम करते हैं। जब अमेरिका के राष्ट्रपति पूर्व राष्ट्रपति श्रीमान ओबामा 26 जनवरी को प्रजा सत्ता पर्व के लिये भारत आए थे। अब जब गॉर्ड ऑफ ऑनर दिया गया उनको तो फौज की तीनों पंक्ति आर्मी, नेवी, एयरफोर्स सब महिला पुलिस फौज के तीनों उनको गॉर्ड ऑफ ऑनर दे रही थीं। कमान उनका संचालन भी एक महिला कर रही थी<sup>84</sup>

Further praising how women have broken the norms by entering the forces, PM recounts “जब अमेरिका के राष्ट्रपति पूर्व राष्ट्रपति श्रीमान ओबामा 26 जनवरी को प्रजा सत्ता पर्व के लिये भारत आए थे। अब जब गॉर्ड ऑफ ऑनर दिया गया उनको तो फौज की तीनों पंक्ति आर्मी, नेवी, एयरफोर्स सब महिला पुलिस फौज के तीनों उनको गॉर्ड ऑफ ऑनर दे रही थीं। कमान उनका संचालन भी एक महिला कर रही थी। अमेरिकी राष्ट्रपति ने मंच पर चलते हुए कहा मोदी जी बड़ा अचरज है भई ये है हिन्दुस्तान में। मैंने कहा अभी तो शुरुआत है मैंने कहा कल देखना और 26 जनवरी की परेड हुई तो सारी दुनिया के लिये मुख्य खबर थी कि उस परेड का नेतृत्व महिला ही कर रही थी। परेड के अंदर जो दस्ते चल रहे थे वो महिलाओं के चल रहे थे। सुरक्षा के क्षेत्र में भी मेरे देश की महिलाएं बहुत बड़ी भूमिका अदा करती हैं। दिल्ली में अगर आप जाएं या देश के अन्य किसी राज्य में जाएंगे जहां पर पुलिस में 33 परसेंट महिला पुलिस के लिये रिजर्व किया गया है और सुरक्षा की जिम्मेवारी भी ये Empower महिलाएं हमारी करेगी। उस दिशा में हम काम कर रहे हैं।<sup>85</sup>

## VIII. Service Orientation

**S**ervice orientation is engrained in the Modi model of development. Quoting the PM—“Service, in our Indian ethos is the ultimate duty — **“Seva Parmo Dharma”**. One year ago, you had entrusted me with the responsibility and honour of serving you as your Pradhan Sevak. I have devoted every moment of every day, and every element of my body and spirit, in fulfilling the same with fullest sincerity and honesty.<sup>86</sup> I assure you, if you will work for twelve hour I will work for thirteen because I am not a Prime Minister but a Prime Servant. I have come with this government as a servant not as a ruler.<sup>87</sup> Whatever time & strength I have, I

82 Highlights of PM's address on the Independence Day 15 Aug, 2014

83 PM addresses Nation from the ramparts of the Red Fort on 70th Independence Day, 15 Aug, 2016

84 PM Modi addresses Dutch-Indian community at the Hague, Netherlands, June 2017

85 PM Modi addresses Dutch-Indian community at the Hague, Netherlands, June 2017

86 Text of PM's letter to the people, 26 May, 2015

87 Highlights of PM's address on the Independence Day 15 Aug, 2014

devote I t to 125 crore countrymen & their dream. Zeal to fulfill dreams of 125 crore countrymen keep me going.<sup>88</sup>

His personal commitment to service is best exemplified when he says रजब से मैंने इस कार्य (PM) का दायित्व संभाला है, 15 मिनट भी vacation नहीं लिया। हम एक भी vacation नहीं लेंगे और मैं आपको विश्वास दिलाता हूँ। हिंदुस्तान में आपने मुझे जो दायित्व

***“I assure you, if you will work for twelve hour I will work for thirteen because I am not a Prime Minister but a Prime Servant. I have come with this government as a servant not as a ruler” PM Modi***

दिया है, देशवासियों ने जो दायित्व दिया है, हम ऐसा कभी कुछ भी नहीं करेंगे, जिनके कारण आपको नीचा देखने की नौबत आए।<sup>89</sup>

मेरी कोशिश यह है कि विकास एक जन आंदोलन बने। सवा सौ करोड़ देशवासी, ये विकास के जन आंदोलन का हिस्सा बने। और हर कोई, जो भी करता है, मैं देश के लिए करूँ। मैं ऐसा कोई काम नहीं करूँगा, जिसके कारण मेरे देश को नुकसान हो, ये भाव मुझे जगाना है।<sup>90</sup>

Refuting the current trend of treating politics as means of Power, the PM says- Power is not about posts. **Power is an opportunity to serve**<sup>91</sup> “I was not born to sit on a chair of high office. Whatever I had, my family, my home...I left it for the nation.<sup>92</sup> Instead he explains how “As fruits grow on a tree, no matter how big it is, it starts bending. Nature inspires us. As the fruits of victory cover this tree call BJP, it becomes our responsibility to bend, to become more humble”<sup>93</sup> Also deriving inspiration from the freedom struggle the PM speaks that “We did not have the privilege to die for the nation’s freedom. But we have the opportunity to live for the nation & serve our people.”<sup>94</sup>

## IX. National Security

**“India First”** has been a central theme of NDA Govt's foreign policy according to PM Narendra Modi<sup>95</sup> He says, “We must demonstrate strong collective will to defeat terror network that cause bloodshed and spread fear.<sup>96</sup> “The path of bloodshed has not helped any one and will never help anyone.”<sup>97</sup>

Explaining the link between National Security and the need for **counter-terrorism** PM Modi says that “the growing arc of terrorism today threatens Middle East, West Asia, Europe and South Asia. Its violent footprints

***“The path of bloodshed has not helped any one and will never help anyone.” PM Modi***

put at risk the security of our citizens and undercuts our efforts aimed at economic growth.<sup>98</sup> Further re-affirming the link between national security and security for the larger world, Modi says “In the last two and half

88 PM Modi answers questions at the Town Hall marking 2 years of mygov, August, 6, 2016

89 PM's address to the Indian Community at Madison Square Garden, New York 28 Sep, 2014

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91 PM Modi at BJP headquarters following win in state elections, March 12,2017

92 Prime Minister Narendra Modi's address at Foundation Stone Ceremon in Goa on 13th Nov, 2016

93 PM Modi at BJP headquarters following win in state elections, March 12,2017

94 PM Modi's address while launching projects related to SAUNI Yojana at Botad on 17 Apr, 2017

95 PM Modi answers questions at the Town Hall marking 2 years of mygov, August, 6, 2016

96 PM Narendra Modi's Inaugural Address at the Sixth Ministerial Conference of the Heart of Asia Istanbul Process on Afghanistan on 4th Dec, 2016 at Amritsar

97 PM Modi's address at the inauguration of Chenani – Nashri Tunnel in Jammu & Kashmir on 02 Apr, 2017

98 Prime Minister Narendra Modi's opening remarks at BRICS Summit on October 16, 2016

years, we have partnered with almost all our neighbors to bring the region together. Where necessary, we have shed the burdens of our past for the progressive future of our region. The result of our efforts is there to see.

My vision for our neighborhood puts premium on peaceful and harmonious ties with entire **South Asia**.<sup>99</sup>; मेरा यह स्पष्ट मत है कि मेरे देश के साथ ही भारत का हर पड़ोसी देश प्रगति के मार्ग पर अग्रसर हो! स्वार्थी न बनकर हमने पूरे क्षेत्र का भला चाहा है!<sup>100</sup>

Narendra Modi government has tried to principally attack the concept of terrorism by calling it anti humanitarian. Speaking at the Council for Foreign Relations, he says “Terrorism is an enemy of humanity and therefore all humanitarian forces across the world must unite to fight terrorism.” He said **all terrorism in India was “exported” terrorism**, and was not homegrown. He said as far as India was concerned, “its symbols were **Buddha and Gandhi**.” Terrorism, Terrorism होता है उसको Good Terrorism और Bad Terrorism में कैद कर दिया तो वो Terrorist उसका सबसे ज्यादा फायदा उठाएंगे। Terrorism के संकट को बड़ी गंभीरता से लेने की आवश्यकता है और मुझे दुख के साथ कहना पड़ता है कि दुनिया के बहुत देश वो Terrorism के घिनौने रूप को कभी समझ नहीं पाए।<sup>101</sup>

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A big contribution of the present government has been in rejuvenating the spirit of the Indian forces- “सेना का मनोबल उसका सबसे बड़ा शस्त्र है और यह ताकत सवा सौ करोड़ लोगों की भावना से आती है।<sup>102</sup> “देश के सुरक्षा बलों को हर पल लगना चाहिए कि हमारी जवानी हम देश के लिए लगा रहे हैं तो देशवासियों को हम पर कितना गौरव है, कितना अभिमान है। उन्हें ये प्रतिपल अनुभव होना चाहिए।<sup>103</sup>

Also, the security of Indians abroad also runs as a major theme for the government wherein the PM claims that “the welfare and safety of all Indians abroad is our top priority. The security of Indian **nationals abroad** is of utmost importance to us.”<sup>104</sup>

## X. Cooperative Federalism

**P**M Modi says that “his Government does not believe in big-brother attitude among states, but in cooperative federalism”<sup>105</sup> Explaining the importance of co-operative federalism in his own words, PM Modi says, “you are aware that ever since our Government came into office, I have been working to strengthen our federal polity and promote cooperative federalism. Looking to the diversity of the country, we understand that real and functional Federal Governance is the only vehicle to achieve this objective quickly and holistically. I sincerely believe that **strong states are the foundation of a strong India**. Even as Chief Minister, I had been saying that the progress of the country depends on the progress of states. With this in mind, we have replaced the Planning Commission with the NITI Aayog with the explicit intent of ensuring that this becomes a common forum for forging a national vision on development”.<sup>106</sup> Citing the example of the 14th Finance Commission he says “it is in this context that we have wholeheartedly accepted the recommendations of the **14th Finance Commission**, although it puts a tremendous strain on the Centre’s finances. Our Government has decided to devolve maximum money to states and allow them the required freedom to plan the course of states’ development. You will appreciate that, following the acceptance of the 14th FC recommendations, we are moving away from rigid centralized planning, forcing a ‘One size fits all’

99 Prime Minister Modi’s inaugural address at the opening session of the Second Raisina Dialogue on 17th Jan, 2017

100 PM Narendra Modi’s address at Sommanona Ceremony to honour Indian Martyrs in the Liberation War of Bangladesh on 08 Apr, 2017

101 PM’s address at Council on Foreign Relations in New York City on 29 Sep, 2014

102 PM Narendra Modi’s address at the dedication of Shaurya Smarak in Madhya Pradesh on 14th Oct, 2016

103 PM Modi’s address at the launch of development works in Varanasi on 24th Oct, 2016

104 PM’s address at the inauguration of the 14th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Convention in Bengaluru on 08 Jan, 2017

105 PM’s reply on motion of thanks on President’s address in Lok Sabha-11 Jun, 2014

106 PM writes to Chief Ministers, Government accepts recommendations of the 14th Finance Commission, PIB (Release ID :115722)



approach on states.<sup>107</sup> Thus, he implores the states, “let us forge a model of cooperative, **competitive federalism**; chart a common course to progress and prosperity. Will move away from “one size fits all” schemes; forge a better match between the schemes and the needs of states”<sup>108</sup> On the other hand he also forges a sense of unity between different states besides inspiring competition for economic growth, when he says,” Mr. Modi while addressing a huge gathering after launching the Mission Bhagiratha programme of the State Government to

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provide treated drinking water to every household said “The country could scale new heights within no time if the Chief Ministers created an atmosphere of competition for development among villages and even streets, as it would ultimately result in country’s development and went on to add: “Delhi is as much yours as Hyderabad is”.<sup>109</sup>

While announcing the implementation of the GST- “**Good and Simple Tax**”, PM Modi noted that “I do not believe that this process of GST is restricted to the scope of economy only. This momentous occasion stands today as a testimony to the concept of **Co-operative Federalism in Indian Democracy**. This hallmark day was possible due to the relentless efforts put in over decades by several stalwarts under whose guidance various teams developed this GST framework. GST has been the result of a long drawn premeditated mentation of several years equally supported by State Governments. There have been continuous discussions with Former Ministers and the best brains GST is in a way is like our railways with state and Centre playing equal role in its operations. While it receives regional support at the state level, yet it is representative of the “Indian Railways”. The Central Service officers are deputed all over the states and they align the state with the vision of the Centre.

GST is the first of its kind system in the country when both Centre and State shall be putting consolidated efforts in the same direction. We shall be proud of this wonderful system for generations to come as GST is a landmark achievement which is bound to take the nation towards exponential growth.”

## **XI. Environmental Protection**

**T**alking about the importance of **Environment** PM Modi re-affirms that “we are committed to protect the environment and uphold our responsibility towards Nature. Ultimately, this is what India has stood for since ages.<sup>110</sup> It is a specialty of our culture that wherever there is a God or Goddess, there is either an animal, a bird or a tree that is associated with him or her. That animal, bird or tree is also worshipped with the same spirit as the God or Goddess. There cannot be a better means to inculcate a spirit of reverence for nature. Nature equals to God, this has been firmly established by our ancestors, showing their foresight.<sup>111</sup> “Energy in general and hydrocarbons in particular are an important part of my vision for India’s future.<sup>112</sup> If new drivers of growth have to take root, there must be unhindered flow of skilled talent, ideas, technology and capital across borders.<sup>113</sup> “आज पूरी दुनिया को **Global Warming** और Environment की चर्चा करती है। भारत की रगों में प्राकृति के साथ जीना कैसे,

107 PM writes to Chief Ministers , Government accepts recommendations of the 14th Finance Commission , PIB (Release ID :115722)

108 PM chairs first meeting of Governing Council of NITI Aayog 08 Feb, 2015

109 PM Modi in Hyderabad, Aug 08, 2016

110 Prime Minister address at the Inauguration of Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit on 10 Jan, 2017

111 Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s speech at unveiling of 112 feet statue of “Adiyogi – The Shiva” on 24 Feb, 2017

112 Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s address at the inaugural session of PETROTECH –5th Dec 2016

113 Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s opening remarks at BRICS Summit on October 16, 2016

प्राकृति का महत्वमय क्या है, प्राकृति के सामर्थ्य को स्वीकार करना ये हमारी रगों में है।<sup>114</sup> हम एक बात को महत्व दे रहे हैं। हमें हमारे जंगलों को बचाना है, अपने जनजातीय समुदाय की जमीन को बचाना है, उनके जो आर्थिक आय के साधन हैं उनको भी सुरक्षित रखना है इसलिए हम आधुनिक तकनीक के द्वारा अंडरग्राउंड माइनिंग को बल देना चाहते हैं। ताकि ऊपर जंगल वैसा का वैसा रहे, जिंदगी वैसी की वैसी रहे। नीचे जमीन में गहरे जाकर कोयला वगैरह निकाला जाए ताकि वहां के जीवन को कोई तकलीफ न हो। उसी आधुनिक तकनीक की दिशा में भारत सरकार प्रतिबद्ध है।<sup>115</sup>

With the government's focus on **energy efficiency**, popularization of **LED bulbs & Smokeless Chulha**, cleaning of the river Ganga and Ghat redevelopment and Solar Alliance; PM Modi introduces the concept of Climate Justice in addition to Climate Change. He says "The bedrock of our collective enterprise is **common but differentiated responsibilities**. When we speak of climate change, there is a hint unspoken of safeguarding what we already have. But when we speak of **climate justice**, then the responsibility of saving the poor from the vagaries of climate is something that will help us evolve positive thoughts".<sup>116</sup>

This year's World environment day was marked by PM dedicating the Mann Ki Baat episode on "**Connecting People To Nature**". Here he explained how Indians have always revered the environment since time immemorial. Most of our festivals involve worship of nature where nature in itself is treated as a God. Calling the Atharva Veda as the most ancient evidence for this environmental consciousness, he quotes "Earth is the mother and I am her son".

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Responding to US's decision to withdraw from the Climate Change deal, PM Modi said "Paris **or no Paris, our commitment to preserving the climate is for the sake of future generations**". Asked whether he will side with US's decision or not, Modi replied, "it is not a question of which way I go. I will go with the future generations." He further added, "We must leave for our future generations a climate wherein they can breathe clean air and have a healthy life." "India is a responsible nation with regard to climate change". Thus, he said that India had been working to protect the environment even before the Paris deal reached in 2015. "For the last 5000 years, even when I was not born, it has been the tradition in India to protect the environment" PM Modi further clarified the fine balance between utilization of natural resources and exploitation of the same when he said "I have in simple ways stated a dream of new India. I have quoted from 5000-year-old Vedas to say that humans have a right to milk nature but have no right to exploit nature".<sup>117</sup>

## XII. Indian Diaspora and Global Outreach

**R**eaching out to the Indian diaspora has been one of the most important priorities of the Modi government. Speaking at **the Pravasi Bhartiya Diwas** he says, "The Indian diaspora represents the best of Indian culture, ethos and values. Indians abroad are valued not just for their strength in numbers. They are respected for the contributions they make. For those workers who seek economic opportunities abroad, our effort is to provide maximum facilitation and ensure least inconvenience. Remittance of close to sixty-nine billion dollars annually by overseas Indians makes an invaluable contribution to the Indian economy. Our diaspora has supported the Government's moves against corruption and black money."<sup>118</sup>

114 Prime Minister keynote address at Ramnath Goenka Awards in New Delhi on 2 Nov, 2016

115 PM's speech at Inauguration of National Tribal Carnival-2016 on 25th Oct, 2016

116 Prime Minister Narendra Modi addresses the 70th session of the United Nations General Assembly at UN headquarters in New York, 26/09/2015

118 PM Modi addressing the St Petersburg International Economic Forum (SPIEF) in St Petersburg in the presence of Russian President Vladimir Putin, 2nd June 2017

Reflecting on how the transformational change from **Brain Drain to Brain Gain** is happening, PM Modi says- “सालों तक हम देखते आए हैं एक ही शब्द सुनते आए हैं। के हमारे लोग पढ़ लिखकर के तैयार होते हैं विदेशों में चले जाते हैं। Brain Drain, Brain Drain ये शब्द हम सुनते आए हैं। लेकिन विश्व भर में फैले हुए भारतीय समुदाय को सिर्फ संख्या के रूप में नहीं, अगर शक्ति के रूप में देखें तो ये Brain Drain की हमारी जो चिंता थी इसको Brain Gain में Convert किया जा सकता है। आने वाले दिनों में भी विश्व जिस रूप में भारत को अब देख रहा है भारत से अपेक्षा कर रहा है। उसमें बहुत बड़ी भूमिका विश्व भर में फैले हुए हमारा भारतीय समुदाय कर सकता है। हमारा भारतीय समुदाय दुनिया के देशों में जाकर के राजनीति नहीं करता है। वो सत्ता हथियाने के खेल में नहीं जुड़ता है। वे वहां रहकर के समाज की भलाई के लिए क्या काम हो सकता है उसकी चिंता करता है।<sup>119</sup>”

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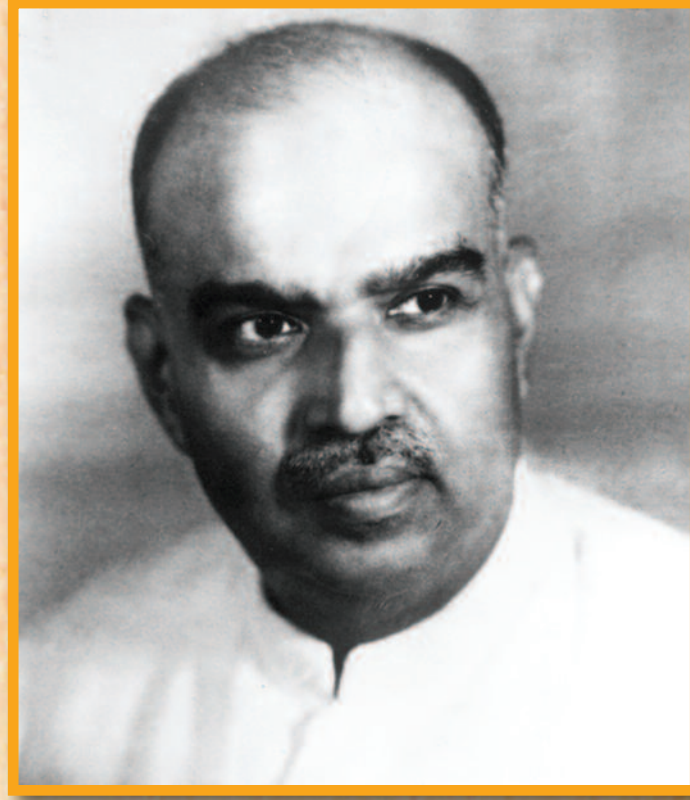
“Speaking to the Indian America community in the US, PM Modi said” I can see that every Indian wants to contribute towards India's development. India is progressing at a record pace today. The **Indian diaspora rejoices when there is good news from India**, it wants India to scale newer heights. I promise that I will fulfill all your dreams of making India as good as US. When I meet you all I experience the kind of joy one feels while meeting his/her family. You fill me with new energy.”

Similarly, he took the message of **Yoga** and a spirit of collective humanism to the Global stage and conceived the idea of the International Yoga day at the UN as a way to practice India's age-old philosophy of **Vasudhev Kutumbikam** and using Yoga as thread to bind the global community.

Celebrating the third **International Yoga** day, PM Modi said “countries which do not know our language, tradition, or culture, are now connecting to India through Yoga. The practice, which connects **body, mind and soul, has played a big role in binding the world too**. Earlier, Yoga was only restricted to saints and seers in the Himalayan mountains. Now, it has become part of every person's life,” he said in his address. He also asserted that attaining “wellness” through yoga was more important than simply being physically fit.

119 PM Modi's address at the inauguration of the 14th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Convention in Bengaluru on 08 Jan, 2017

120 Salient points of PM Modi's speech at the inauguration of Pravasi Bharatiya Kendra on 3rd Oct, 2016



“The gigantic task of reconstruction, cultural, social, economic and political can be rendered possible through coordinated efforts of bands of trained and disciplined Indians. Armed with the knowledge of Indian’s past glory and greatness, her strength and weakness, it is they who can place before their country a programme of work, which while loyal to the fundamental traditions of India civilisation will be adapted to the changing conditions of the modern world.”

**- Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee**

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