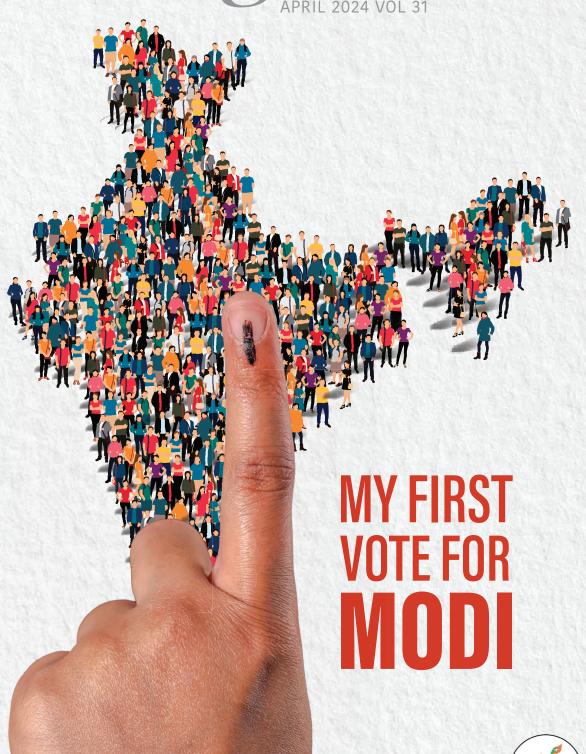
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नमस्कार,

भारतीय जनता पार्टी के राष्ट्रीय अध्यक्ष, हम सबके मार्गदर्शक जेपी नड्डा जी, हमारे युवा मोर्चा के युवा साथी, अन्य पदाधिकारीगण और इस कार्यक्रम से जुड़े, देश भर के हमारे नौजवान साथी, शायद मेरे जीवन में इतना बड़ा युवाओं के साथ संवाद करने का ये पहला अवसर है। और शायद दुनिया के किसी राजनेता के लिए भी ये पहला अवसर होगा। और मुझे अच्छा लगा कि नव मतदाता को नमन करने का कार्यक्रम है। नवो नव मतदाता, तो मैं सबसे पहले सभी मतदाताओं को भारत का भाग्य निर्माण करने के लिए नमन करता हूं निमंत्रित करता हूं। मैं देख पा रहा हूं कि बड़ी संख्या में बेटियां इस कार्यक्रम से जुड़ी हुई हैं। आज राष्ट्रीय मतदाता दिवस है। इस महत्वपूर्ण दिन देश के सबसे युवा मतदाताओं के बीच आना, अपने आप में ऊर्जा से भर देने वाला है। मैं आप सभी को राष्ट्रीय मतदाता दिवस की बहुत-बहुत बधाई देता हूं।

साथियों.

18 से 25 वर्ष की आयु ऐसी होती है, जब किसी का भी जीवन, बहुत से बदलावों का साक्षी बनता है। इन्हीं बदलावों के बीच, आप सभी को एक और जिम्मेदारी साथ-साथ निभानी है। ये जिम्मेदारी दुनिया की सबसे बड़ी Democracy में भागीदारी की है। मैं जानता हूं, कि आपकी Age में किसी भी नई शुरुआत के लिए सबसे ज्यादा एक्साइटमेंट होता है। लेकिन आपकी ये शुरुआत बहुत अलग है। वोटर लिस्ट में नाम रजिस्टर होते ही, अब आप देश के Democratic Process का सबसे महत्वपूर्ण हिस्सा बन गए हैं।

मेरे युवा साथियों,

आप सभी के लिए ये Time Period, ये कालचक्र दो वजहों से बहुत अहम है। एक, आप सभी ऐसे समय में वोटर बने हैं, जब भारत का



अमृतकाल शुरू हुआ है। और दूसरा, कल 26 जनवरी को देश अपना 75वां गणतंत्र दिवस मनाएगा। अगले 25 साल आप के लिए भी और भारत के लिए भी दोनों के लिए बहुत ही महत्वपूर्ण हैं। आपको अगले 25 साल अपना और भारत दोनों का भविष्य तय करना है। इन 25 वर्षों में आप कई बार अपने मताधिकार का प्रयोग करेंगे। ऐसे में जिले, प्रदेश और देश के स्तर पर होने वाले सारे चुनावों में आपकी जिम्मेदारी सबसे बड़ी होगी। आज जब देश, 2047 तक विकसित भारत बनने के लक्ष्य पर काम कर रहा है, तो आपका वोट ये तय करेगा कि भारत की दिशा क्या होगी। जिस तरह, याद रखिए दोस्तों, जिस तरह 1947 से 25 साल पहले भारत के नौजवानों पर देश को स्वतंत्र कराने का दारोमदार था....उसी तरह 2047 के पहले के इन 25 सालों में आप पर विकसित भारत के निर्माण की जिम्मेदारी है। हमारे बीच जब भी स्वतंत्रता सेनानियों का नाम आता है, तो उनमें से अनेकों लोग ऐसे होते हैं जिनकी उम्र 18 से 25 साल के बीच ही थी।

उनके नाम आज भी इतिहास के पन्नों में स्वर्णाक्षरों में लिखे जाते हैं। आपके सामने भी एक ऐसा ही मौका है। विकसित भारत के अमृतकाल की गाथा में आपका नाम स्वर्णाक्षरों में कैसे लिखा जाए,ये आपको तय करना है। अगले कुछ सालों में हम Space, Defence, Manufacturing, Technology, Innovation और ऐसे कई सेक्टर्स में कहां पहुंचेंगे ये सब आप पर निर्भर होगा। हमारी गति, हमारी दिशा, हमारी अप्रोच कैसी होगी, ये सब आप तय करेंगे। और इसका एक बड़ा माध्यम मतदान ही होगा। भविष्य के भारत में आपके लिए संभावनाएं कैसी होंगी, इसकी जिम्मेदारी उन लोगों पर होगी जो इस कालखंड में देश की व्यवस्था संभालेंगे। ऐसे में उन लोगों का सही चुनाव हो, ये जिम्मेदारी आप नौजवान मतदाताओं पर है। आपके लिए जरूरी है कि अगले भारत का भाग्य उज्जवल बनाने के लिए वोट दें। इसलिए याद रखिएगा. आपका एक वोट और देश के विकास की दिशा दोनों आपस में जुड़े हुए हैं। आपका एक वोट भारत को दुनिया की तीसरी सबसे बड़ी अर्थव्यवस्था बनाएगा। आपका एक वोट, भारत में एक स्थिर और बड़े बहुमत वाली सरकार लाएगा। आपका एक वोट, भारत में तेज Reforms की गति को और गति देगा। आपका एक वोट, भारत में डिजिटल क्रांति को और ऊर्जा देगा। आपका एक वोट, पहले भारतीय को अपने दम पर अंतरिक्ष में पहुंचाएगा। आपका एक वोट, अंतरिक्ष में भारत का पहला स्पेस स्टेशन स्थापित करवाएगा। आपका एक वोट, भारत में पहला पैसेंजर एयरक्राफ्ट बनवाएगा। आपका एक वोट, दुनिया में भारत की साख और बढ़ाएगा। इसलिए आपके एक वोट में बहुत बड़ी ताकत है।

साथियों

जब देश में पूर्ण बहुमत वाली सरकार होती है, जब देश में स्थिर सरकार होती है, तो देश बड़े फैसले लेता है, दशकों से लटकी हुई समस्याओं को सुलझाकर आगे बढ़ता है। आप देखिए, ये हमारी पूर्ण बहुमत की सरकार है जिसमें जम्मू-कश्मीर से आर्टिकल 370 हटाकर दशकों का इंतजार खत्म किया। ये हमारी पूर्ण बहुमत की सरकार है जिसने हमारे देश के जवानों के लिए वन रैंक वन पेंशन लागू कर, देश के पूर्व फौजियों का चार दशक का इंतजार समाप्त किया। ये पूर्ण

सरकार है जिसने नारीशक्ति वंदन अधिनियम बनाकर देश की महिलाओं का बरसों पूराना इंतजार खत्म किया। ये हमारी सरकार है जिसने तीन तलाक के खिलाफ कानून बनाकर मुस्लिम बहन-बेटियों में इंसाफ की उम्मीद बढ़ाई। ये हमारी सरकार है जिसने तीन दशकों के इंतजार के बाद नई राष्ट्रीय शिक्षा नीति लागू की। ये हमारी सरकार है जिसने SC-ST-OBC का हित सुरक्षित रखते हुए भी गरीब युवाओं को भी 10 परसेंट आरक्षण का प्रावधान किया। और, ये हमारी ही सरकार है जिसको अयोध्या में रामलला के विग्रह की प्राण-प्रतिष्ठा का अवसर मिला है। जब देश में पूर्ण बहुमत की सरकार होती है, तो नीति में, निर्णयों में स्पष्टता होती है। इसका सीधा प्रभाव वैश्विक स्तर पर देश की साख पर भी पडता है। और साथियों मैं बताता हूं, मैं जब दुनिया के बड़े-बड़े दिग्गजों को मिलता हूं ना, बड़े-बड़े नेताओं को मिलता हूं ना, दुनिये के कोई भी बड़े देश हो, जब में उनसे हाथ मिलाता हूं ना, तो अकेला मोदी हाथ नहीं मिलाता है, 140 करोड़ देशवासी मेरे साथ खड़े होते हैं, और ये दुनिया को प्रभावित करता है। ये ताकत होती है पूर्ण बहुमत वाली सरकार की। आज दुनिया में भारत की साख एक नई ऊंचाई पर है। आज भारत के पासपोर्ट को बड़े गर्व के साथ देखा जाता है। ये युवाओं के लिए बहुत बड़ी अपॉर्चुनिटी है। इस वजह से बीते वर्षों में भारत में रिकॉर्ड FDI आया है, भारत का विदेशी मुद्रा भंडार भी आज रिकॉर्ड स्तर पर है। कभी सोना गिरवी रखना पड़ता था, लेकिन आज दूसरी स्थिति है। ये देश में रोजगार के भी नए मौके लगातार बना रहा है।

साथियों,

आपको याद होगा, लाल किले से मैंने कहा था कि यही समय है, सही समय है। 10-12 साल पहले भारत में जिस तरह की परिस्थितियां थीं, उन्होंने देश के युवाओं का भविष्य अंधकारमय बना दिया था। उस समय आप में से बहुत सारे लोग, कोई आठ साल का होगा, कोई दस साल का होगा, कोई 12 साल का होगा। हो सकता है उस समय की सारी स्थितियां आपको पता भी ना हो। आज स्थितियां बदली है। हम आज जिन Possibilities की बात कर रहे हैं, 2014 से पहले की जेनरेशन ने उनकी उम्मीद तक छोड़ दी थी। आप में से कई न्यूज पेपर्स पढ़ते होंगे। आज हर दिन नई खबर आती है कि देश ने इस सेक्टर में ये बड़ी उपलब्धि हासिल की। लेकिन 2014 से पहले के अखबार खोलिए...आजकल वो सब इंटरनेट पर एवलेबल है। तब आए दिन करप्शन और स्कैम की खबरें छपती थीं, हजारों करोड़ रुपये के घोटाले सामान्य बात थी। उस समय दिन देश के नौजवान सड़कों पर उस समय की सरकार के खिलाफ प्रदर्शन करते थे। मुझे संतोष है कि हम उस अंधकारमय स्थिति से देश को बाहर निकाल पाए हैं। आज Corruption की नहीं, Credibility की बात होती है। आज Scam की नहीं Success Stories की बात होती है। तब भारत फ्रेजाइल फाइव में था, दुनिया सोचती थी कि भारत खुद भी डूबेगा और हमें भी ले डूबेगा। आज भारत पांचवी बड़ी अर्थव्यवस्था है और दुनिया सोचती है कि भारत के विकास से उसका भी विकास होगा। आने वाले कुछ ही वर्षों में भारत दुनिया की टॉप तीन इकॉनॉमी में शामिल हो जाएगा। आने वाले कुछ ही वर्षों में भारत की इकोनॉमी 7 ट्रिलियन डॉलर को पार कर जाएगी। अर्थव्यवस्था के इतने बड़े विस्तार का बहुत बड़ा लाभ भारत के युवाओं को ही होगा। उनके लिए नए-नए

सेक्टर्स में रोजगार के बहुत सारे नए मौके बनेंगे। इसलिए ही मैं कहता हूं, यही समय है, सही समय है।

साथियों,

आज का भारत, सबसे युवा है। इसी युवा प्रेरणा से आज का भारत बड़े लक्ष्य तय करता है और उन्हें प्राप्त भी करता है। सोलर एनर्जी से जुड़े कितने ही लक्ष्य, Renewable Energy से जुड़े लक्ष्य भारत ने तय समय से पहले हासिल करके दिखाए हैं। भारत आज दुनिया को दिखा रहा है कि प्रकृति की रक्षा करते हुए भी विकास कैसे किया जा सकता है। आपने देखा है, भारत की रेलवे ने साल 2030 तक जीरो कार्बन एमिशन का लक्ष्य रखा है, भारत ने साल 2070 तक नेट जीरो का भी लक्ष्य रखा है। आज भारत में इलेक्ट्रिक मोबिलिटी पर अभूतपूर्व जोर दिया जा रहा है। बहुत ही जल्द भारतीय रेलवे का 100 परसेंट इलेक्ट्रिफिकेशन भी होने जा रहा है। इसी 22 जनवरी को सरकार ने सोलर से जूड़ी बड़ी योजना का ऐलान किया है, इस योजना के तहत देश के एक करोड़ घरों में सोलर रूफ टॉप लगाने का लक्ष्य रखा गया है। सरकार का प्रयास है कि हमारे गरीब साथियों का, हमारे मध्यम वर्ग के परिवारों का बिजली बिल तो कम हो ही, कुछ लोगों का तो जीरो भी हो जाएगा। वो सिर्फ बिल नहीं, अपने घर की छत पर जो बिजली पैदा करेंगे, वो बिजली सरकार खरीदेगी और ये परिवार बिजली बेचकर भी पैसे कमा सकें।

साथियों,

आज का भारत आप युवाओं को बड़ी आशाओं से देख रहा है। आप 21वीं सदी के युवा हैं। आपके पास हजारों साल की विरासत है और इंटरनेट एज में फ्यूचर अप्रोच को देखने का सामर्थ्य भी है। दुनिया में ऐसी कोई युवा पीढ़ी नहीं है जिसके पास रामायण और गीता की प्रेरणा और Artificial Intelligence पर काम करने का स्कोप, दोनों हो। आपके पास Tradition की भी ताकत है और Talent की भी ताकत है। आपके पास Inspiration भी है और Innovation भी है। आपके पास संभावनाओं का आसमान है। और साथियों, आपका सामर्थ्य और बढ़े, आपके हर सपने पूरे हों, इसके लिए हमारी सरकार दिन-रात काम कर रही है। और नवजवानों मोदी की गारंटी भी सून लीजिए, आपके सपने ही मेरे संकल्प है। मेरी प्राथमिकता आप सभी युवा ही हैं। मैंने हमेशा देश के युवाओं पर सबसे अधिक विश्वास किया है। इस विश्वास के कारण सरकार ने ऐसे फैसले किए हैं, जो पहले की सरकारों में असंभव से लगते थे। हमारी सरकार ने आप सभी युवाओं के लिए ड्रोन से लेकर स्पेस सेक्टर तक को खोल दिया है। हमने स्टार्टअप नीति बनाकर आपके लिए बिजनेस के नए रास्ते बनाए हैं। हमने मुद्रा योजना के तहत आपको बिना गारंटी बैंक से लोन लेने की सुविधा दी है। आप लोन लीजिए गारंटी मोदी देगा। यूनिवर्सिटी में दाखिले के लिए कॉमन एडमिशन टेस्ट से लेकर फॉर्म अटेस्ट कराने से मुक्ति तक आपके लिए हर चीज आसान करने का काम हमारी सरकार ने किया है। स्पोर्ट्स सेक्टर में आपका टैलेंट आगे लाने के लिए खेलो इंडिया हो या इंटरनेट रिवॉल्युशन के लिए डिजिटल इंडिया...सभी आपके लिए है। आज देश में एक से बढ़कर एक Higher Education के संस्थान खोले जा रहे हैं...आज देश में रिसर्च और इनोवशन के लिए युवाओं को सरकार हजारों करोड़ रुपए

दे रही है... ये सब इसलिए है, क्योंकि सरकार आप पर विश्वास करती है, आपके लिए नए अवसर बनाना चाहती है। और अभी ये शुरुआत है। आज देश में पहले के मुकाबले दोगुनी-तीन गुनी तेजी से नए हाईवे बन रहे हैं, नए रेलवे रूट्स का निर्माण हो रहा है। आज भारत आधुनिक इंफ्रास्ट्रक्चर पर जितना इंवेस्ट कर रहा है, उतना पहले कभी नहीं किया गया। आज देश में जो चारों तरफ इंफ्रास्ट्रक्चर डवलपमेंट हो रहा है, उसका सबसे बड़ा फायदा भारत के युवाओं को ही मिलेगा। युवाओं के लिए रोजगार के नए अवसर बनेंगे, उनके लिए हर सेक्टर में नई-नई संभावनाएं बनेंगी। आज ये जो आधुनिक एक्सप्रेसवे बन रहे हैं, वो किसके लिए बन रहे हैं? - भारत के युवाओं के लिए। ये जो नई वंदे भारत ट्रेनें चल रही हैं, विस्टा डोम कोचेस शुरू हुए हैं, वो किसके लिए? – मेरे नौजवान साथियों आपके लिए। आपके लिए अगले कुछ वर्षों में भारत में बुलेट ट्रेन चलने जा रही है....ये किसके लिए है? -भारत के युवाओं के लिए। भारत की कंपनियों ने जो हजार से भी ज्यादा नए एरोप्लेन्स का ऑर्डर दिया है, किसी एक देश ने हजार नये एयरोप्लेन का ऑर्डर, इस खबर से ही दुनिया को आश्चर्य होता है। ये भी रोजगार के नए अवसर..भारत के युवाओं के लिए ला रहा है। आज भारत के रेलवे स्टेशंस को आधुनिक बनाया जा रहा है...आज देश में एक से बढ़कर एक आधुनिक एयरपोर्ट्स बन रहे हैं... रीजनल कनेक्टिविटी से कम्यूनिकेशन कनेक्टिविटी तक, मोबाइल टावर से लेकर ऑप्टिकल फाइबर नेटवर्क तक, सेमीकंडक्टर पर मिशन से लेकर मिशन हाइड्रोजन तक, एविएशन सेक्टर से लेकर टूरिज्म सेक्टर तक, भारत में होता हर बदलाव नौजवान आपके लिए है। इन बदलावों का हर रास्ता, युवाओं के हित से होकर गुजरेगा। आपके लिए भारत में रोजगार के, स्वरोजगार के रिकॉर्ड नए अवसर बनने जा रहे हैं। राष्ट्र निर्माण से जुड़ी भारत के नौजवानों की हर आकांक्षा की पूर्ति के लिए हमारी सरकार प्रतिबद्ध है। मैं देश के युवा वोटर्स को भी ये भरोसा दूंगा...सरकार युवाओं के हित में ऐसे ही फैसले लेती रहेगी और यही तो मोदी की गारंटी है।

#### साथियों,

मुझे खुशी है कि आज भारत का नौजवान, देश के समक्ष मौजूद चुनौतियों को अच्छी तरह समझ रहा है। इसलिए वो भ्रष्टाचार के खिलाफ है, वो परिवारवाद के खिलाफ है। परिवारवाद एक ऐसी बीमारी है, जो देश के युवाओं को आगे बढ़ने से रोकती है। आपने देखा है कि परिवारवादी पार्टियों में दूसरे युवा कभी आगे नहीं बढ़ पाते। परिवारवादी पार्टी के नेताओं की सोच ही युवा विरोधी होती है। इसलिए आपको अपने वोट की ताकत से ऐसी परिवारवादी पार्टियों को हराना है।

#### साथियों,

आज इस आयोजन में शामिल युवाओं की मैं इस बात के लिए और सराहना करना चाहता हूं। आपने अमृत महोत्सव के दौरान जनभागीदारी की अद्भुत मिसाल कायम की है। भारत के युवाओं ने जिस बड़ी सख्या में अमृत महोत्सव में हिस्सा लिया, वो अभृतपूर्व है। समाज के हित में कार्य के लिए आप जितना कार्य करेंगे, उतना ही देश का भी भला होगा। युवाओं के लिए देश में एक नया संगठन भी बनाया गया है- उस संगठन का नाम है मेरा युवा भारत, Mybharat। अभी

इस युवा संगठन को बने तीन महीने भी नहीं हुए हैं और इससे एक करोड़ से ज्यादा युवा जुड़ चुके हैं। आप भी मेरा युवा भारत माय भारत संगठन से जरूर जुडिए। आप अपनी बात, अपने सुझाव, नमो ऐप के माध्यम से भी मुझ तक पहुंचाते रहिए। नमो ऐप पर आप मुझे, आने वाले लोकसभा चुनाव में बीजेपी का घोषणापत्र, बेजेपी का मेनिफेस्टो, या यूं कहे बीजेपी का संकल्प पत्र कैसा होना चाहिए, खासकर युवाओं के लिए उसमें क्या होना चाहिए इससे जुड़े सुझाव भी आप जरूर भेज सकते हैं। मेरे हिसाब से तो आप वोट डालने जाए उससे पहले ही मैं आपकी भागीदारी चाहता हूं। आइए देश को बनाने के लिए आगे आइए..आप भागीदारी कीजिए... मैं चाहता हं कि लोकसभा चुनाव के लिए बीजेपी के संकल्प पत्र में देश के ज्यादा से ज्यादा युवाओं की भागीदारी हो। भारत के युवा ही बीजेपी के संकल्प पत्र को गाइड करेंगे और आपके सुझावों में जो मुझे बहुत अच्छे लगेंगे, जो संभव लगेंगे, और जो मोदी की गारंटी होती है पूरा करने की, सिर्फ लिखने के लिए मैं नहीं लिखता, वो सुझाव देने वाले युवाओं से मैं मिलकर के भी विस्तार से बात करूंगा। कोई टीम उसको सेलेक्ट करेगी, आपके साथ बैठुंगा, गप्प-शप करूंगा, और अधिक जानने का प्रयास करूंगा।

#### साथियों,

आपने देखा होगा, देश के मुख्य चुनाव आयुक्त राजीव कुमार जी ने देश के युवाओं को बहुत ही अहम संदेश दिया है। उन्होंने कहा है कि हमारी मतदाता सूची एक जीवंत वाइब्रेंट तस्वीर के रूप में हमारे लोकतंत्र की समृद्धि विविधता को रिफ्लेक्ट करती है। उन्होंने विशेषकर शहर के लोगो को, युवाओं को ज्यादा से ज्यादा मतदान कर एक उदाहरण प्रस्तुत करने को कहा है। वाकई, आपका काम समाज को वोट के लिए जागरुक करने का भी है। इस बार आपको Let's Vote के साथ, Lets make them vote पर भी काम करना है। आप सब सोशल मीडिया की जेनरेशन वाले लोग हैं। यानि, आप सब एक बड़ी Audience से सीधे कनेक्ट हो सकते हैं। जिनका नाम अब तक वोटर लिस्ट से छुटा हुआ है, उनका नाम भी आप लिस्ट में जरूर शामिल कराएं। कोशिश करिए, कोई भी ऐसा वोटर ना हो जो चुनाव में छूट जाए।

#### साथियों

युवा भारत की अमृत पीढ़ी के सामने तरक्की के जितने अवसर हैं, उतने पहले किसी पीढ़ी के पास नहीं थे। सारा विश्व आज आपकी ओर देख रहा है। जी-20 के सम्मेलन में भारत और भारतीयता की ये शक्ति पूरी दुनिया ने देखी है। हमें इस शक्ति के साथ आगे बढ़ना है और अपनी जिम्मेदारी भी समझनी है। आप आने वाले 25 वर्ष अपने कर्तव्यों के लिए पूरी शक्ति से काम करेंगे। इसी कामना, इसी विश्वास के साथ मैं अपनी बात समाप्त करता हूं।

आपको मेरी तरफ से, जीवन के एक नए कालखंड में आप प्रवेश कर रहे हैं तब, भारत के भाग्य लिखने वालों में आपकी भागीदारी बन रही है तब जितनी शुभकामनाएं दूं उतना ही कम है। बहुत बहुत धन्यवाद,

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Salient points of speech of BJP National President

# Shri J.P. Nadda at NaMo Navmatdata Sammelan



"Sapne nahin hakikat bunte hain tabhi to sab Modi ko chunte hain " are not mere words, they are truth, it reflects the feelings, enthusiasm and hopes of our youth.

It is the youth of India which believes on the leadership and vision of our Honourable Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji. They believe that it is only our Modi ji who can fulfill their dreams and aspirations.

On January 22 a historic event took place and a long pending dream of every Indian was fulfilled. It is after a long struggle of 500 years that our Honourable Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji did the Pran Pratistha of Shri Ramlala ji at the Ram Janmabhoomi in Ayodhya, and all this has been made possible due to strong willpower and planning of Shri Modi ji.

The entire nation gives its blessings and thanks to our Honourable Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji for the Pran Pratistha of Shri Ramlala in Ayodhya and for this memorable event.

Our Honourable Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji is committed to make our country " Saksham Bharat, Atmanirbhar Bharat and Viksit Bharat". The entire nation strongly believes that under the dynamic and decisive leadership of our Honourable Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ii India will achieve the goal of becoming a developed nation. Our nation will become self reliant and global superpower.

Today India's 60 % population is young whose average age is below 35 years. Young and new voters will play a decisive role in making India a self reliant, developed and strong nation, thus they will fulfill their dreams and aspirations and also of the entire 140 crore people of our country.

To make our country strong, self reliant and developed we all need to remember the mantra given by our Honourable Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji. And this mantra is -- GYAN -through which we have to empower of poor and eradicate poverty. In GYAN -- G stands for Gareeb/

poor, Y for yuva / youth, A for Annadata/ farmers, and N for Narishakti/ women power.

For more than three decades the Nari Shakti Vandan Vidheyak was pending, but our Honourable Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji got the legislation passed in record three days which was pending for 30 years. On coming assembly elections and in 2029 Lok Sabha elections there will be 33 per cent representation of women. This shows that when there is a will, there is a way.

Our Opposition leaders do talk about our farming community, but despite being in power for decades they did nothing for their betterment, their empowerment and their welfare. And it is the Congress party which rules majority of the time to be solely blamed for the miseries of our farmers and villagers.

On the contrary it is our Honourable Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji who took several revolutionary steps to ensure empowerment and welfare of our farmers. These schemes include the Pradhanmantri Kisan Samman Nidhi scheme under which every fourth month our farmers get Rs 2000 directly into their bank accounts.

The Narendra Modi government has so far deposited over Rs 2 lakh crores directly into the bank accounts of over 11.5 crore farmers across the country. Similarly, our farmers have been empowered and are prospering through schemes and plans like neem coated urea, soil health cards and Pradhanmantri Fasal Bima Yoina.

Source: bjp.org





The leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has catalysed a host of micro-revolutions across India, which have transformed the country and garnered support from youth. Since his tenure began, more Indians have opened bank accounts than in the previous seventy years combined, and significant strides have been made in providing access to toilets and clean drinking water. Poverty reduction has reached unprecedented speeds, with 25 crore people out of poverty. These aren't mere statistics; they are transformative changes that first-time voters can see and feel in their communities and personal lives, making PM Modi's policies directly relevant to them.

One of the hallmarks of Modi's governance has been the restoration of trust between the government and citizens. Traditional scepticism governmental effectiveness has shifted towards a sense of collaboration and faith. Initiatives like the Jan Dhan Yojana, which opened zero-balance accounts for millions, and policies allowing self-attestation reflects Modi's trust in the populace. This trust is reciprocated by young voters, who appreciate being taken seriously by their leaders.

Significant digital advancements have also marked PM Modi's tenure. Despite scepticism from the opposition about the feasibility of digital transactions among the general populace, India now boasts the highest number of UPI transactions globally. These achievements are not just technological wins but are seen by young voters as steps towards modernising India and simplifying daily transactions, enhancing both ease of living and economic opportunities.

The entrepreneurial spirit, long suppressed by decades of regulatory and socialist policies, has been vigorously rekindled under Modi. The rise of startups and the expansion of MSMEs reflect a broader revival of India's historical role as a land of traders and innovators. For young voters, this resurgence is a beacon of opportunity, promising a future where their entrepreneurial aspirations can thrive.

PM Modi's ability to transform public policy into participatory movements is perhaps best exemplified by initiatives like Swachh Bharat and Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao. These campaigns have fostered a sense of community involvement that resonates deeply with first-time voters, making them feel like stakeholders in India's developmental journey. This participatory approach has been likened to Gandhi's strategy during the freedom struggle, turning development into a mass movement where every citizen, including the youth, plays a crucial role.

PM Modi has superseded the Nehruvian secularism, advocating instead for a revival of pride in India's ancient heritage. This stance has found significant support among young voters, who are witnessing a newfound appreciation for Indian culture, languages, and traditions. PM Modi's leadership is seen as a corrective to past policies that many believe undermined India's cultural confidence.

PM Modi's consistent engagement with the youth sets him apart from other leaders. His active presence on social media, direct communication through programs like 'Mann Ki Baat,' and public interactions reflect his commitment to being accessible to young Indians. Moreover, Modi's narrative of overcoming adversity through hard work and dedication enhances his appeal, portraying him not just as a leader but as a role model.

For first-time voters, Narendra Modi represents a transformative figure who has not only effected substantial improvements in their quality of life but has also restored their faith in the power of governance to bring about real change. As these voters go to the polls, they are influenced by the tangible achievements of PM Modi and the promise of continued progress & Vikist Bharat, making him a compelling choice for many.

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#### **EDITORIAL**

In a vibrant nation like India, where the youth population under 35 forms the majority, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's focus on youth empowerment stands as a compelling testament to his visionary leadership. As India positions itself on the global stage, PM Modi has not just acknowledged the potential of its young citizens but has actively harnessed it, positioning the youth as central to the country's trajectory towards becoming a developed nation, or 'Viksit Bharat'.

Under PM Modi's leadership, the Skill India Mission has been a flagship initiative aimed at transforming the nation's vounq vast demographic into a skilled workforce ready to meet the challenges of a modern economy. Since its inception in 2015, the PM Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) has trained over 1.4 crore individuals, enhancing their employability and productivity. The focus on vocational training through the Jan Shikshan Sansthan and National Apprenticeship Promotion Schemes further exemplifies a robust commitment to enabling youth, especially from marginalized communities, to ascend the socio-economic ladder.

PM Modi has catalyzed significant employment growth across various sectors. The introduction of the National Internship Portal alone links over 1.9 crore youth to potential employers, fostering a dynamic bridge between learned skills and real-world application. Additionally, the considerable expansion in the MSME sector and the entrepreneurial initiatives under the PM MUDRA Yojana have collectively nurtured a fertile environment for job creation, directly benefiting millions of young Indians.

Recognizing the inherent entrepreneurial spirit of the Indian youth, PM Modi has launched several initiatives like Startup India and Stand-Up India, driving a startup boom across the nation. With over 1.15 lakh registered startups generating substantial employment and innovation, India's ecosystem is increasingly vibrant and globally competitive. This entrepreneurial push not only secures economic growth but also instils a sense of ownership and pride among young entrepreneurs, particularly those from tier 2 and tier 3 cities.

The National Education Policy (NEP) under PM Modi emphasizes skill-based learning, integrating vocational training with mainstream education to prepare students for the complexities of the 21st-century job market. This policy ensures that today's youth are not only consumers of knowledge but are also equipped to apply this knowledge practically, enhancing both personal and national growth.

India's ascent to the 40th position in the Global Innovation Index reflects the burgeoning spirit of innovation fostered by policies aimed at nurturing creativity and technological advancement. The establishment of Atal Tinkering Labs and the significant increase in patents granted are indicative of a thriving culture of innovation and research that promises to keep India at the cutting edge of global trends.

As India continues to navigate the complexities of global economic and political landscapes, the leadership that has proven its commitment to youth empowerment remains crucial. PM Modi's unwavering dedication to uplifting the youth through comprehensive skill development, job creation, and fostering an entrepreneurial mindset is not just preparing India for the present but is actively shaping a prosperous future.

For first-time voters, the choice is clear. Supporting PM Modi in the upcoming elections means endorsing a pathway that continues to place the youth at the forefront of India's development narrative. It is a vote for sustained innovation, robust employment opportunities, and a stronger, developed and inclusive India.

The transformative policies implemented under PM Modi have not just propelled economic growth but have deeply resonated with the aspirations of millions of young Indians. As the nation stands on the brink of a historic electoral decision, first-time voters hold the key to ensuring that the momentum of youth empowerment and national development continues unabated. Voting for Modi 3.0 is a step toward securing a future where the potential of every young Indian is recognized, nurtured, and celebrated.

"If you are a democrat, do not be dictated by anybody but your conscience," this nugget of wisdom comes from Pt Deendayal Upadhyay, words which he wrote for the Organiser in 1961 whilst elaborating his views upon the 'vote' and a 'voter'. Following the advice of the stalwart that Pt Deendayal Upadhyay was, and thus reflecting upon my conscience, will deciding to exercise my franchise in favour of Prime Minister Modi be any difficult? Hardly. Such isn't only my case but an identical reality for a majority of 1.82 crore Bhartiyas who will be getting their fingers inked this election season for the first time. As Prime Minister Modi seeks his third term, the 'young' of India seek him.

On the surface, an array of uniform factors contribute to building the minds of a first-time voter, but every individual will certainly have their 'own' reasons, which would, for them, prevail over all others. This space, the sweet spot which you may call the micro-perspective of a voter when considered, brings the prowess of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and his government's leadership to life. This 'micro' perspective favouring the incumbent is a result of the 'micro-works' of PM Modi. Every space where the Prime Minister can be and every domain which the government permeates, irrespective of its gravity, size, and importance, has been touched upon and, if need be – was taken for a 'transformative' ride.

To exemplify, only recently, the Prime Minister's social media handles posted a video of his interaction with individuals from the gaming community. Though not a 'gamer' myself, I was intrigued by his curiosity and astonished by the commitment he showed in his efforts to understand the 'process' of gaming. Professional gaming and 'full-time' gamers are still a relative 'niche' in India. Still, the PM extensively discussed the problems 'of' and 'within' this community, also suggesting that 'games' focusing on issues such as 'Climate Change' & 'Swachh Bharat' can be designed and rolled out so that the young can imbibe and understand these policies and values. Imagine a head of government, which governs a nation of 140 crore people, discussing and realising the power of digital 'games' as a tool for generational transformation!

# First-Time Voters: Driving the Modi Wave in the 2024 Elections

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Another example I will take here is the way Prime Minister Modi and his government conducted Bharat's G-20 presidency. 200 meetings held across 60 Indian cities, covering the lengths and breaths of the country. What difference did it make? Narendra Modi managed to take a global platform, an association of the world's 20 most advanced economies, to every corner of the world's most populous country. A macro-vision is executed in a micro-format. To add here - I come from Raipur, Chhattisgarh. Our city hosted a G-20 Framework Working Group Meeting. In its organisation, the then Congress-ruled State Government had to spare a few crores to revamp location roads, replace dysfunctional streetlights and beautify the corridor between the airport and the hotel hosting the meetings. See and assess how the policy of PM Modi made even a lackadaisical Congress Government take charge and provided fellow inhabitants of Raipur, with a scoop of needed development.

When it is about Micro-work, it concerns changing realities amongst population groups, big and small. When development-oriented governance permeates every region, state, district, tehsil, block, and village, with objective and subjective policies, a thriving nation is realised. When a Vande-Bharat is run Bhubaneshwar and Vishakhapatnam, covering 450 kilometres in five and a half hours, the life of a concerned commuter smoothens, also enhancing economic progress between the two coastal states. When a trans-harbour bridge connecting Mumbai and Navi-Mumbai commissioned, mobility in India's financial capital 'eases' in leaps and bounds. When a transaction happens in seconds with just a scan of a Quick Response (QR) code, the life of a consumer is relatively eased. When a policy of 'Act-East' is envisioned in Raisina Hill and executed in the easternmost corners of India, some of the most 'neglected' parts of the country witness unprecedented growth and development.

The reasons mentioned above cover a vast variety, which prompts the people of Bharat to cast their ballots 'in' and 'with' the pursuit of seeing PM Modi elected for the third time. One reason, though, for the voters of Chhattisgarh, especially those going to

polling stations for the first time, will be BJP's promise of uprooting red terrorism. When I introduce myself outside of my native region and mention Raipur, Chhattisgarh, the immediate association for many is often with the state's ongoing struggle with Naxalism. While it's true that certain parts of southern Chhattisgarh are Maoist-infested, this issue has unfortunately overshadowed the state's many other facets. For people outside the state, 'Naxalism' captivates their perception of Chhattisgarh.

In December, when the BJP formed a government in the state, a complete eradication of 'Naxalism' was promised; the work towards this has already begun. Only in three-and-a-half months since the start of this calendar year, the central and state forces have neutralised 79 dreaded and wanted Naxals in several well-coordinated and targeted operations. For better comprehension, let us bring into perspective the fact that, on average, only 40 Naxalites were eliminated on a yearly basis, considering the years between 2019 and 2023. Visibly, more than what was 'achieved' in previous years has been accomplished within a quarter in 2024. Home Minister Shri Amit Shah recently said that within 2 years of MODI 3.0 -Naxalism will be 'erased' from prevalence. The youth of Chhattisgarh are eager for a time when 'parts' of their state come out of Naxalite-infused paralysis and the reality that they have seen and experienced since childhood.

Unlike others, Prime Minister Modi is truly committed to the cause of 'Yuva'. Whilst his work reflects his experience and wisdom, his energy stories his 'youth-full' passion, curiosity, resilience, and adaptability. This article doesn't even begin discussing the Election Manifesto of the BJP and the 'Modi's Guarantee' - dominating public discourse across social, political, and geographical realms. For a voter who has observed and witnessed the past and present of Narendra Modi, the future needs no introduction or reading.

As a first-time voter who will exercise his invaluable right of 'democracy', the scale of balance and wheel of judgement remains extra-ordinarily conspicuous. Modi it was. Modi it is. And Modi it will be.



As an athlete deeply entrenched in the world of sports, casting my vote is not just a civic duty; it was a pivotal moment that reflected my hopes and aspirations for the future of sports in India. Under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, the nation has witnessed a transformative era of sporting empowerment, marked by initiatives like the Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS) and other youth-centric programs.

Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS) stands as a beacon of hope for athletes like myself, providing the necessary support and resources to realize our Olympic dreams. Through tailored financial assistance, specialized coaching, and exposure to international competitions, TOPS has levelled the playing field for Indian athletes, enabling us to compete on par with the best in the world.

Under the TOPS scheme, athletes receive comprehensive support, including funding for training camps, access to world-class facilities, and participation in prestigious tournaments. This holistic approach to athlete development has empowered a new generation of athletes to aim for excellence and strive for podium finishes at the Olympic Games.

In addition to TOPS, the Khelo India program has been instrumental in nurturing sporting talent at the grassroots level. By organizing annual competitions, providing scholarships, and investing in sports infrastructure across the country, Khelo India has created a thriving ecosystem for young athletes to hone their skills and pursue their sporting ambitions. Through Khelo India, talented youngsters from diverse backgrounds have been given the opportunity to showcase their potential and compete at the highest levels. The program not only promotes physical fitness and healthy competition but also instils values of discipline, teamwork, and perseverance among the youth.

Complementing these initiatives is the Fit India Movement, which aims to promote a culture of fitness and wellness across the nation. By encouraging citizens to prioritize physical activity in their daily lives, the Fit India Movement seeks to combat the growing epidemic of lifestyle diseases and build a healthier, more active society.

By decentralizing sporting infrastructure and investing in local sports clubs and academies, the government aims to create a more inclusive and accessible ecosystem for athletes from all backgrounds. This bottom-up approach not only promotes grassroots development but also ensures that talent is not overlooked based on geographical or socio-economic factors.

Furthermore, the Modi government has recognized the importance of supporting para-athletes and athletes with disabilities. Initiatives like the Accessible India Campaign and the National Sports Talent Identification and Development Program for Persons with Disabilities aim to provide specialized training, equipment, and support services to empower athletes with disabilities to compete at the highest levels.

In addition to its domestic initiatives, the Modi government has also leveraged sports as a tool for diplomacy and international engagement. By hosting major sporting events like the FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup and the Commonwealth Games, India has showcased its organizational capabilities and strengthened its ties with the global sporting community.

Furthermore, through initiatives like the India-Africa Sports Partnership and the South Asian Games, India has deepened its engagement with neighbouring countries and fostered collaboration in the field of sports. These efforts not only enhance India's soft power but also contribute to regional stability and cooperation.

As an athlete, I am grateful for the opportunities and support provided by the Modi government. I am committed to representing my country with pride and passion on the international stage. With continued investment and innovation in sports development, I am confident that India's sporting future is brighter than ever before. As I cast my vote for Modi, I do so with a sense of optimism and pride in the strides that India has made in the field of sports. With continued support and investment in youth development programs, I am confident that India will emerge as a global sporting powerhouse, producing champions who will make the nation proud on the world stage.

### **My First Vote for Modi:** A Testament to Transformation

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As a young voter, casting my first vote for Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi will be a profound moment of civic engagement and empowerment. It symbolizes not only my participation in the democratic process but also my endorsement of a leader who embodies vision, determination, and transformative governance. My decision to support PM Modi and vote for him was influenced by various factors, including his track record of governance, his leadership style.

One of the primary reasons why I choose to vote for PM Modi is his impressive track record of governance since his tenure as Chief Minister of Gujarat. A focus on economic growth, infrastructure development, and effective governance marked his leadership in Gujarat. Under his stewardship, Gujarat emerged as one of India's prosperous attracting investments, fostering industrial growth, and improving infrastructure significantly. His ability to deliver results and drive positive change in Gujarat convinced me of his capabilities as a leader who can deliver tangible progress at the national level.

Moreover, PM Modi's commitment to development resonated deeply with me. His vision of Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas (Together with All, Development for All) encapsulates his inclusive approach to development, emphasizing the importance of equitable growth and social welfare. Through initiatives such as Jan Dhan Yojana, Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, and Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, Modi has demonstrated his dedication to addressing pressing socio-economic challenges and improving the lives of millions of Indians, especially those from marginalized communities. As a voter who believes in the importance of inclusive development, Modi's focus on uplifting the most vulnerable segments of society reaffirmed my faith in his

Furthermore, PM Modi's leadership style and communication skills set him apart as a statesman who can inspire and mobilize people towards a common goal. His ability to connect with audiences across diverse demographics, coupled with his clarity of vision and decisive action, instils confidence and trust among the populace. PM Modi's speeches resonate with optimism, patriotism, and a call for purpose among citizens. As a young voter, I was inspired by PM Modi's ability to galvanize the youth and harness their energy towards nation-building initiatives such as Skill India, Digital India, and Startup India.

In addition to his domestic achievements, PM Modi's proactive foreign policy and efforts to enhance India's global standing were compelling reasons for me to support him. His diplomatic outreach, emphasis on economic diplomacy, and proactive engagement with global leaders have positioned India as a key player on the world stage. PM Modi's initiatives, such as the International Solar Alliance and Act East Policy, reflect his vision of India as a responsible global leader committed to addressing shared challenges such as climate change and fostering regional cooperation. As a voter who believes in India's potential to shape global affairs positively, PM Modi's proactive foreign policy approach resonated with my aspirations for India's role in the international arena.

In conclusion, casting my first vote for PM Modi is a decision rooted in hope, optimism, and a belief in transformative leadership. PM Modi's track record of governance, commitment to development, inspiring leadership style, and proactive foreign policy convinced me of his suitability to lead the nation. As India stands at the cusp of unprecedented opportunities and challenges, PM Modi's vision, determination, and inclusive approach to governance make him the prime ministerial candidate best equipped to steer the country towards a brighter future. My vote for PM Modi was not just a vote for a leader but a vote for the vision of a new India where every citizen has the opportunity to thrive and contribute to the nation's progress.

# My Vote for Viksit Bharat: My First Vote for Modi

Abhishek Dwivedi, The author is a Student at Faculty of Law, University of Delhi The first vote holds significant importance in every citizen's life. It is not just the fulfilment of social responsibility; it is more of an opportunity for voters that their first vote should be for the nation. As Bharat is gearing up for the 18th Lok Sabha elections, it becomes crucial for first-time voters to carefully consider their choices and the impact their votes would have on the future of Bharat. As a candidate, our Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, is not just a central figure in Indian politics but a transformative leader under whose leadership Bharat has strengthened its position in geopolitics and under whose vision Bharat is stepping into the era of Viksit Bharat.



Since the beginning of his tenure as a prime minister, we have seen his strong commitment towards economic reforms, which were aimed at economic growth and job creation. Initiatives, like Make in India and Vocal for Local, have taken India's manufacturing domain to the world level and made India a hub of manufacturing. Startup India is a flagship initiative that has created a strong ecosystem of innovation and startups in the country and generated a large scale of opportunities. Additionally, the Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY) was launched by PM Modi, which aims to facilitate an easy and hassle-free load of up to 10 lakhs for micro and small enterprises. Technology plays a significant role in the development of a country. PM Modi's vision of Digital India has promoted digital empowerment, encouraged technological innovation, and transformed India into a knowledge-based economy. It has not just bridged the digital divide but has also facilitated access to government services. Before 2014, nobody could even think that digital transactions could be so hassle-free, but after UPI (Unified Unified Payments Interface), digital transactions have seen a drastic upsurge and countries Singapore, Malaysia, UAE, France, Nepal, UK, Mauritius, Sri Lanka, are now accepting UPI.

One of the notable features of Modi's governance is the implementation of social welfare schemes aimed at the upliftment of marginalised sections of society through flagship schemes like PM Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana, PM Jan Arogya Yojana, PM Awas Yojana, Jal Jeevan Mission the Modi Government is providing free food grains, free health care, free home and free clean drinking water to Corers of Families. These initiatives have empowered people to live much healthier and more delightful lives.

True leadership is tested during times of crisis, and COVID-19 was an unexpected challenge for the entire world. However, under the leadership of PM Modi and the efforts of the government, India has responded effectively and efficiently to the pandemic at multiple levels. From implementing nationwide lockdowns to rolling out vaccination drives, the government has prioritised the well-being of its citizens and ensured a swift recovery.

Road and infrastructure are the cornerstones of a developed nation. It was famously quoted by US President John F. Kennedy: "American roads are not good because America is rich, but America is rich because American roads are good". Prime Minister Modi's push for world-class road infrastructure to connect all parts of the country has resulted in the drastic development of roads and infrastructure post-2014. Accessible roads are a basic human requirement, and till 2014, only 55% of the villages had road connectivity. To provide connectivity to the rural areas, the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) was revitalised, and by 2023, 99% of the villages in the country have road connectivity.

In the era of geopolitics, national security has become a crucial concern in every country. The bold decisions taken by PM Modi, such as surgical strikes and air strikes in response to terrorist attacks, have shown India's strength against cross-border terrorism. The foreign policy of India under Prime Minister Modi's leadership has adopted an "India-centric" approach that puts the national interest first in India's international engagement. One of the best examples of this approach has been seen in the Ukraine-Russia war, where India has maintained its neutral stand and also ensured the safety of all Indian students and citizens in Ukraine. India's oil deal with Russia during the war gives a strong indication of the India-First approach.

For voters who are casting their first vote for PM Modi, it represents a vote for progress, welfare and a strong Bharat. He has a proven track record of effective governance with a vision of Viksit Bharat. His leadership has not just brought India on the global stage but also positively transformed the lives of millions; therefore, this all makes him the compelling choice for those who are looking to shape the future of Bharat with their first vote.

# My First Vote for Modi: For Empowered Future of India

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Cathay Pacific, Hong Kong and has worked earlier with InterGlobe Aviation Pvt Ltd The 2024 general elections will be a milestone for me, as it will be the first time I can exercise my right as a citizen to vote and have a say in who leads our nation. After closely following the political scenario and mulling over the different candidates and parties, I have decided to cast my first-ever vote for Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and the BJP. This decision did not come lightly, but after evaluating Modi's track record over the last decade, I am convinced that he is the leader India needs to propel us towards becoming a developed, self-reliant nation that is



What first drew me towards Modi was his humble beginnings and the challenges he overcame through sheer determination and hard work. Born into a modest family, he spent his childhood helping his father sell tea at a railway station in Vadnagar. Despite financial hardships, he did not let adversity deter his academic pursuits, going on to join the RSS and later the BJP, devoting himself to public service from a young age. His rise from a humble tea seller to one of the most powerful elected leaders in the world is an inspiring story that resonates with the aspirations of every Indian.

More than his journey, PM Modi's vision and governance record during his tenure as Prime Minister has garnered my admiration and vote. When he assumed office in 2014, the nation was grappling with policy paralysis, sluggish economic growth, rampant corruption, and a tarnished global image. PM Modi hit the ground running, ushering in a slew of reforms and initiatives that have transformed the national landscape.

One of his biggest achievements has been giving corrupt practices a body blow through bold moves like demonetization and implementing stringent laws against benami properties, tax evasion, and money laundering. The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code has reinvigorated the banking sector, while initiatives like Digital India and Skill India are empowering millions through digital literacy and vocational training. The 'Make in India' campaign has made the nation an increasingly attractive investment destination, helping India emerge as a manufacturing hub.

PM Modi's welfare policies have ensured that the fruits of development reach the last person standing in line. The Ujjwala Yojana provides LPG connections, the Jan Dhan Yojana ensures financial inclusion, and expanded coverage of maternity benefits along with Ayushman Bharat for affordable healthcare are just some initiatives that have tangibly uplifted the quality of life for millions.

No discussion on PM Modi's tenure is complete without acknowledging his adept crisis management during the COVID-19 pandemic. While the crisis overwhelmed the most developed nations, India, under PM Modi's leadership, was able to administer over 2 billion vaccine doses through one of the largest inoculation drives globally. The PM CARES fund and Garib Kalyan initiatives provided a much-needed safety net for the vulnerable sections of society. While no leader could have prevented the devastation caused by the pandemic entirely, PM Modi ensured India's fightback was robust and resilient.

Beyond domestic achievements, PM Modi has also significantly raised India's stature on the world stage through his astute foreign policy manoeuvres. He has fostered closer ties with global superpowers like the US while balancing relations with other major powers like Russia. At the same time, his 'Neighbourhood First' policy has strengthened ties with our South Asian neighbours, countering influences trying to destabilize the region. His initiatives, like the International Solar Alliance, have positioned India as a global climate leader.

Even his staunchest critics cannot deny that under his leadership, India has emerged as a more secure, confident, and self-reliant nation that cannot be taken for granted anymore on the global stage. His policies and reforms in areas like infrastructure, taxation, agriculture, and manufacturing have made India one of the world's fastest-growing major economies, paving the way for achieving his vision of making India a developed nation by 2047.

As I look ahead to exercising my democratic franchise in 2024, I want a leader who has demonstrated the ability to deliver good governance, execute progressive policies, speak for the nation's interests on global platforms, and, most importantly, place the nation's security and development over partisan interests. For me, that leader is PM Modi. His overall track record in navigating India through turbulent times while staying committed to his development agenda makes him my choice for Prime Minister. Under his leadership, I am confident India will achieve new heights of progress and prosperity, cementing its status as a responsible global power.

What should a 20-year-old consider while casting their vote? It's a question that reverberates in the minds of many young voters like me, especially as we step into the realm of electoral participation for the first time. Allow me, Tushar, a commerce student hailing from a very small village in Haryana, to share my perspective. My maiden vote is a resolute endorsement of the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP). Here's why.

Today, India stands not as a pushover nation but as a formidable global power. From the bustling metropolises to the remotest corners of our nation, the winds of change are palpable. As a believer in data-driven progress, I find the resonance tangible advancements witnessed under the Modi administration.

First and foremost, my allegiance to PM Modi stems from his unwavering commitment to development. The exponential growth of our national highways, expanding by 60% to 1,46,145 since 2014. transformative vision that prioritizes

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infrastructural progress. The growth mantra of connectivity echoes across all spheres. With over 38 kilometres of highways constructed daily, coupled with a doubling of airports and seaport capacities, India's infrastructural landscape is primed for exponential growth. These investments not only spur economic activity but also foster regional integration and bolster India's stature as a global logistics hub. It isn't merely about miles of concrete; it symbolizes connectivity, economic growth, and enhanced accessibility for all citizens.

Furthermore, the Digital India initiative has revolutionized our socio-economic landscape. Gone are the days of cumbersome cash transactions; today, even the most remote villages embrace digital payments through QR codes. This dual narrative of financial inclusion and digital empowerment epitomizes the inclusive ethos of Modi's governance. Reflecting on India's welfare state, the numbers speak volumes. Over 110 million new gas connections, 470 million bank accounts, and 220 million insurance beneficiaries testify to a robust framework of social security. Notably, our per capita income has doubled since 2014, propelled by prudent fiscal policies that have curbed inflation amidst global economic challenges.

Education and healthcare, pillars of a thriving society, have also seen remarkable progress under this administration. Initiatives like the National Education Policy (NEP) have transformed the landscape of Indian education, promoting critical thinking and creativity over rote learning, thereby equipping students for the challenges of the 21st century. In healthcare, the expansion of the Ayushman Bharat scheme has extended health insurance to cover over 500 million citizens, ensuring that healthcare is more accessible and affordable for the underprivileged sections of society. It not only reflects a commitment to uplift health standards but also underpins the government's broader social equity agenda.

In terms of environmental conservation and sustainable development, India's strides noteworthy. The commitment to achieve 50% energy from renewable sources by 2030 underlines the shift towards a sustainable energy future. Projects like the International Solar Alliance (ISA) position India as a leader in global renewable energy discourse, promoting international cooperation on solar

technology and infrastructure. These efforts are complemented by national campaigns on water conservation and pollution reduction, which aim to secure a greener and more sustainable environment for future generations. As we continue to make these pivotal strides, it becomes increasingly clear that the path our leadership has charted is not only elevating our international stature but also securing a sustainable and prosperous future for all Indians.

Beyond domestic shores, India's ascent on the global stage is undeniable. Transitioning from the 11th to the 5th largest economy heralds a new era of economic prowess. As a member of the Quad, the SCO, and BRICS, India navigates the intricate dynamics of geopolitics with finesse, embodying a delicate balance between Western alliances and leadership in the Global South.

Critically, India's global positioning isn't just about economic metrics; it's about influence and leadership. Balancing diverse alliances while championing the interests of developing nations epitomizes India's nuanced approach to international relations. As we chart a course towards becoming the third-largest economy, optimism permeates our collective consciousness, fueled by the belief that India is destined for greatness.

In conclusion, my decision to cast my first vote in favour of PM Modi and the BJP isn't merely a political choice; it's a vote of confidence in the transformative vision that has propelled India onto the world stage. As a 20-year-old, I recognize the weight of this decision and the responsibility it entails. In shaping India's future, I stand unwaveringly behind a leadership that prioritizes development, inclusivity, and global prominence.

Today's India isn't just a nation; it's a beacon of hope and aspiration for the world-a testament to the power of democracy and the potential of its youth.

# From Digital India to Empowerment: Why Gen Z Votes for Modi

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Believe it or not, Bharat is the undisputed GenZ leader of the world. Having more than 50% of its population below the age of 25, Bharat finds itself increasingly shaped by the young Indians and their aspirations for New India. As we inch closer towards 2047, the resurgence of a nation formerly held back by political partisanship, corruption and lacklustre leadership to a global leader envisioned as 'Visit Bharat' has never been so palpable.



Given the developmental leaps made in the last 10 years, be it the spheres of breathtaking space explorations or constructing permanent houses for beneficiaries under PM Awas Yojana, the success story of New India is both unprecedented and unparalleled or perhaps 'lit!'. Gone are the days of inertia and stagnation. In this New India, innovation thrives, fueled by the boundless creativity and ingenuity of its Gen Z leaders. They embrace diversity, inclusivity, and sustainability, forging a path forward that harmonizes tradition with modernity.

GenZs all over the world are primarily global citizens, and thanks to the internet, their access to information improves every second. However, with India's fair share of the GenZ population and its lack of adequate technology a decade ago, how did we get to where we are now so rapidly? Well, that's another 'lit' story, to be honest. The GenZ today are reaping the benefits of a digital revolution that began in 2015. The Digital India campaign ensured New India delivered digital infrastructure as a core utility to every citizen. For instance, in order to fully appreciate the extent of India's digital revolution, you would have to admit that it is, in fact, possible today for an 18-year-old to invest in the stock market and also post a video on it simply through his smartphone by linking his bank account to his AADHAR or let's say skip the long queue to apply for his driving license and apply online. The chalkboard for any average GenZ like me is the online space or the online community, which has created a parallel knowledge economy beyond the conventions of society.

Access to 'vlogs', podcasts, live streams, and constantly evolving content has unleashed new horizons for GenZ to conquer through innovation and creativity, irrespective of age and gender. Some GenZs from India can be termed as mega-influencers or change-makers, given their incredible popularity in the digital world. All this has been made possible due to the robust vision of PM Modi's government, which democratized to information by has access facilitating reliable and affordable internet connectivity to over 80 crore people in India, with more than 50% internet penetration in rural India.

Another interesting milestone that the NDA government has achieved is the indigenous production of smartphones. It falls under the broader campaign of 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' or self-reliant India, and it has taken India from a net importer to a net exporter of smartphones. An impressive Product Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme has helped bag this success. The fact that GenZ could continue online lessons and explore the world of OTT during the pandemic calls for gratitude towards timely policy measures such as PLIs undertaken by the central government.

A distinct characteristic that sets GenZ apart is its entrepreneurial spirit. Gen Z's entrepreneurial spirit is marked by innovation, digital savvy, and a desire to create meaningful impact. They harness technology, social media, and global connectivity to launch ventures that disrupt traditional industries and address pressing societal issues. It is in pursuance of this strength that the BJP has yet again pledged in its Lok Sabha 2024 manifesto to expand the startup ecosystem and, thereby, harness the innovative potential of the youth. Schemes such as Startup India Seed Fund and credit programmes such as Mudra Loans have ensured that the entrepreneurial spirit of our youth is not shunned away or discouraged due to a lack of confidence in government policies and compliances. It is reflective of PM Modi's steadfast commitment to converting the aspirations of the youth into drivers of economic growth in various sectors ranging from FinTech to Consumer Goods.

All in all, the fact remains that the best interests of the GenZ find great weightage and policy emphasis in the dispensation of the Modi government and will certainly remain so under the visionary leadership of PM Modi. Being a member of GenZ myself, I can vouch that we, as leaders of tomorrow, have come a long way in the past 10 years in terms of what we can achieve with a bit of innovation and creativity. The rest has been taken care of by decisive leadership and dynamic policy-making over the past 10 years. On that note, my plea to all my fellow GenZs would be to 'keep vibing' and make the most of the endless opportunities that PM Modi's third tenure has to offer.

# First Vote, Firm Support: #MeraPehlaVoteModiKo

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For a first-time voter like myself, entering the world of democracy is both exciting and daunting. Amidst the noise of political campaigns, one slogan stands out: #MeraPehlaVoteModiKo (My First Vote Goes to Modi). This slogan reflects the hopes of many young voters who are looking for progress and stability. As a first-time voter, I find this slogan resonates with me because it speaks to the values and priorities that are important to me.



#MeraPehlaVoteModiKo encapsulates the sentiment of many young voters like myself who are looking for direction, hope, and progress in our nation's leadership. But why exactly does the Modi government deserve our first votes?

- 1. Development and Progress: Over the past few years, the Modi government has initiated various development projects aimed at uplifting the nation's infrastructure, economy, and standard of living. From initiatives like "Make in India" to the "Swachh Bharat Abhivan," there's a visible commitment to fostering growth and progress across all sectors. As a first-time voter, I aspire to contribute to a country that is constantly evolving and striving for betterment.
- 2. Youth Empowerment: The Modi government recognizes the potential of India's youth and has introduced several schemes and policies to empower them. Initiatives such as "Skill India" and "Startup India" are not just rhetoric; they are tangible pathways for young individuals to harness their talents, innovate, and contribute meaningfully to the nation's development. As a first-time voter, I see these initiatives as avenues for my future growth and success.
- 3. National Security: In an increasingly volatile global landscape, ensuring the safety and security of our nation is paramount. The Modi government has demonstrated a strong stance on national security, bolstering defence capabilities and taking decisive action to protect India's borders. As a first-time voter, I prioritize a leader who prioritizes the safety and sovereignty of our country.
- 4. International Relations: Under PM Modi's leadership, India's international relations have witnessed a significant upswing. Whether it's forging closer ties with strategic partners like the United States, strengthening regional cooperation through initiatives like the Quad, or enhancing India's global standing through active participation in forums like the G20 and BRICS, the Modi government has adeptly the complexities of international navigated diplomacy, advancing India's interests on the global stage.

- **5. Digital India:** The digital revolution is reshaping the world as we know it, and the Modi government has been proactive in harnessing technology for governance and public welfare through initiatives like "Digital India." As a first-time voter, I believe in the power of technology to bridge gaps, enhance transparency, and improve accessibility to essential services for all citizens.
- **6. Effective Governance:** One of the hallmarks of the Modi government has been its emphasis on efficiency and accountability in governance. Whether it's implementing landmark reforms like the Goods and Services Tax (GST) or delivering direct benefits to the marginalized through schemes like "Jan Dhan Yojana," there's a concerted effort to streamline processes and ensure that the fruits of development reach every corner of the nation. As a first-time voter, I value leaders who deliver on their promises and work tirelessly for the welfare of the people.
- 7. Article 370: The abrogation of Article 370 and the subsequent integration of Jammu and Kashmir into the Indian Union marked a historic moment, signalling the government's resolve to address longstanding issues and usher in a new era of development and integration. As a first-time voter, I value leaders who make decisive decisions for the safety and security of the nation.
- 8. Respect for people's beliefs: The Supreme Court's verdict on the Ayodhya Ram Mandir issue, followed by the government's efforts to facilitate the construction of the temple, demonstrated a commitment to uphold the rule of law while addressing cultural and religious sentiments, under the dynamic leadership of PM Modi.

The slogan #MeraPehlaVoteModiKo resonates with me as a first-time voter because it embodies a vision of progress, empowerment, and security for the nation. While every voter must critically evaluate their choices, I believe that the Modi government's track record of development, youth empowerment, national security, digital initiatives, and effective governance makes it a compelling option for first-time voters like myself who are eager to contribute to India's journey towards a brighter future.

### My First Vote for Modi

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At this pivotal moment in its history, India stands at a crossroads, faced with a decision that will determine the future growth and prosperity of our nation. I have unwavering confidence in the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, compelling me to cast my vote firmly in his favour during this crucial period.

The remarkable rise to popularity of Shri Narendra Modi is proof of his ability to inspire hope and a feeling of purpose in every Indian. Over his ascent from disadvantaged beginnings to become the leader of the largest democracy in the world, PM Modi has consistently demonstrated that he is a man of action driven by an unwavering commitment to the well-being of India and its people.

Under PM Modi, India underwent a complete transformation that welcomed an unlimited future and broke the bonds of fatigue. His idea of a "New India," a nation that stands tall on the global scene and welcomes modernity while recognizing its rich cultural history, has resonated with every person. We now feel missionary and proud of ourselves.

Bold and decisive acts have been hallmarks of PM Modi's leadership, as seen by the historic decision to repeal Article 370, which brought Jammu and Kashmir into the mainstream, and the surgical strikes against cross-border terrorism, which made it clear that India would not put up with any threats to its sovereignty and security. Because of his steadfast stand on national security issues, which ensures our borders are secure and our interests are safeguarded, every Indian is today safe, proud and confident.

Moreover, PM Modi has demonstrated nothing short of a remarkable commitment to economic progress and inclusive growth. Not only have home industry and innovation expanded, but important initiatives like "Make in India," "Digital India," and "Skill India" have also created a wealth of job opportunities, allowing the young people of our nation to realize their dreams.

The youth, alongside Prime Minister Modi, are unwaveringly dedicated to achieving a more powerful and prosperous India—a nation that embodies progress and offers hope to the world. Together, they create a dynamic and potent force poised to propel the country forward. With a heart full of passion for my nation's advancement and unshakeable faith in the direction provided by the BJP and PM Modi, I am ready to cast my vote once more. As the election atmosphere buzzes around me, my thoughts are clear and my purpose steadfast. The progress seen in the past few years under PM Modi's leadership reinforces my decision. It's more than just a vote; it's an affirmation of the path India is on, a path I believe in and support wholeheartedly. My vote is a pledge—a pledge for continuity, stability, and the ceaseless pursuit of greatness for India.

I vote for PM Modi and the BJP with the highest confidence that my choice will help create a Viksit Bharat where every citizen may succeed, every dream can blossom, and every heart beats with the rhythm of possibility and growth. My vote is not merely a support of a political party; it is a vote of confidence in a leader who has consistently demonstrated by his unwavering commitment to the welfare of the nation that he is deserving of the confidence and respect of millions of people.

I encourage my fellow citizens to vote on this momentous occasion with the same zeal and optimism that motivates me. As we all work toward a day when every Indian can rise and know that our nation is moving toward greatness under the steady hand of a visionary leader and a dedicated group of nation-builders, let our voices resound across the land.

# My Vote, My Voice: My First Vote for Modi

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Voting is a fundamental right and responsibility in a democracy. As a 20-year-old college student, I recognise the importance of exercising my right to vote and contributing to the shaping of our nation's future. As a first-time voter, I am excited to have the opportunity to make my voice heard and be a part of the democratic process for the first time in my life.

The youth of India hold immense potential and are the driving force behind the country's progress. We are not just the leaders of tomorrow but also the change-makers of today. Our aspirations, concerns, and vision for the country must be reflected in the policies and leadership that govern us. I have carefully evaluated the various political parties and their manifestos, and I have decided to cast my vote for the Bharatiya Janata Party. The BJP, under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has introduced several youth-centric initiatives that have directly impacted my life and the lives of my peers.

The comprehensive "4E" approach - Education, Employment, Entrepreneurship, and Excellence has been the driving force behind these impactful initiatives. I want to mention a few policies that have had a direct impact on not just my life but also the lives of millions of youngsters across Bharat.

National Education Policy 2020- The NEP 2020 has been a game-changer for the education sector. By focusing on improving access, equity, and quality of education, this policy has opened up new avenues for the youth and has given us the opportunity to pursue a combination of subjects as we desire and not just be restricted to the pre-decided streams. Additionally, the 16-year education plan has made pursuing a master's from anywhere in the globe far more accessible for us. The NEP 2020 was a much-needed change and is a step in the right direction. The emphasis on skill development and vocational training has been particularly beneficial for me and my fellow students. The policy's focus on bridging the gap between academia and industry has equipped us with the necessary skills to thrive in the job market.

Startup India- The Startup India initiative has been a driving force behind the growth of the country's entrepreneurial ecosystem. As a young individual aspiring to start my venture, I have been inspired by the government's efforts to nurture innovation and support first-time entrepreneurs. India's rise as the

third-largest startup ecosystem globally is a testament to the success of this program. The collateral-free loans provided under the PM Mudra Yojana have empowered countless youths to turn ideas into reality.

Atal Tinkering Labs- The establishment of over 10,000 Atal Tinkering Labs across the country has been a remarkable initiative by the government of the day. These labs have fostered a culture of innovation and entrepreneurship among school students, including my younger siblings. By providing access to state-of-the-art equipment and mentorship, these labs have ignited the spark of creativity and problem-solving in the minds of the youth. This investment in the future generation aligns with my aspirations and the aspirations of my peers.

Digital India- I firmly believe that UPI has been the greatest innovation of the 21st century. The advancements in India's tech and digital capabilities have been revolutionary. Whether I have to pay bills at a shopping mall in Noida or buy a samosa at my college canteen, all I need to do is carry my phone and use the BHIM app. The overall growth in the digital space has been one of the greatest achievements of PM Modi's government.

Focus on Sports- The various schemes introduced by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, such as the National Youth Corps and the Scheme for Assistance to National Sports Federations, have been instrumental in developing the skills and potential of Indian youth. These programs have not only empowered us with vocational training and employment opportunities but have also nurtured our passion for sports and physical well-being. As a young individual, I have personally benefited from these initiatives and witnessed their transformative impact on my community.

A very important issue that resonates with me deeply is women's safety. I grew up in a state where women's safety was always a challenge, and we, as young kids, were told never to go out alone in the evenings. All of that has changed in the last 5 years. Under the able leadership of PM Modi and CM Yogi, the situation has changed drastically. Uttar Pradesh has now become

safer than ever for women. In fact, Uttar Pradesh has been one of the biggest beneficiaries of the Modi Government's schemes. Infrastructure projects such as massive improvement in the roads and highways, construction of the Jewar Airport, setting up of the Samsung factory, holding the Investors summit, and several such economic projects have put Uttar Pradesh on the map and ensured that we as youth will have ample of quality opportunities to work and grow in our state. The biggest watershed moment, though was the inauguration of the Ram Mandir in Ayodhya. It realised the multi-generational dream of a billion Indians and will also hugely boost the tourism sector of Uttar Pradesh.

In addition to the above-mentioned policies, I am also glad that initiatives like Make in India and Swacch Bharat have struck a chord with my fellow citizens. It gives me immense joy to see that our surroundings are much cleaner than they used to be and that there has been a conscious realisation among the masses towards keeping our country clean. India is now on track to be the manufacturing hub of the World in several domains, such as pharma and semiconductors. It has truly lived up to its reputation of being the 'VishwaMitra'. Testament to the above was India's vaccine diplomacy during COVID-19 and several disaster relief operations that we conducted in natural disaster-hit countries, which made me feel immensely proud of my nation and my government.

With the Women Reservation Bill now turning into a reality, the BJP has truly lived up to its commitment towards women's empowerment. This law has given me hope to one day have the opportunity to serve my nation as a proud member of the sacred temple of democracy, our Parliament of India.

By voting for the BJP, I am confident that I am supporting a vision that prioritises the development and empowerment of the youth, paving the way for a brighter and more prosperous future for our nation. The BJP's youth-centric policies have not only addressed my immediate concerns but have also instilled a sense of hope and optimism for the generations to come.

# **Casting for Continuity:** My Vote for Modi and a **Developed** India

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Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi is world history. He has proven himself ideas into a vivid reality.

But why should Indians, especially first-time voters, vote for him? A vote is something very expressive and meaningful — a citizen's fundamental right and the source of power in a democracy. India's democratic underpinnings are based on election results. And PM Modi's achievements in the last 10 years have been spectacular. Here are a few reasons why one should cast his/her vote for PM Modi to take a step towards Vikshit Bharat :

#### i) Clear Vision For Bharat's Future

PM Modi has envisioned a "long jump" in changing India's economic and social face. Keeping the poor and underprivileged in the focus of all government policies, he has come up with a P2 G2 (Pro-Poor, Proactive and Good Governance) approach. At the policy level, the Modi government will continue focusing on "Jan Dhan", or financial inclusion of the poor. The two new aspects are also included: "Jal Dhan" programmes for increasing the agriculture network and "Van Dhan" programmes for protecting forest resources.

#### ii) Powerful Mass Appeal

Narendra Modi has a huge mass appeal, and there's a strong reason crowds gather in large numbers to hear him. His campaigns have been multidimensional, focusing on youth empowerment, fighting corruption, wiping out terrorism and much more. With an aim to replicate socio-economic success, he strives to connect with the masses on a deeper level. He can together.

#### iii) Infrastructure Along The LAC

Bharat drops a few steps on the developing country ladder when it comes to infrastructure because it is either nonexistent or in shambles. PM Modi has placed special emphasis on developing infrastructure along the LAC in Arunachal Pradesh and Sikkim. It means moving man and machine there and rapidly together roads, bridges, communication, offices, houses and airports.



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#### iv) His Moral values towards the Nation

One can say that PM Modi does what he preaches, and it is a sign of a man who is still in touch with his roots, a man who wants to advance but not at the cost of his cultural values. For PM Modi, the nation comes first; hence, he implements many decisions, even if they affect the party electorally. PM Modi appreciates and encourages anyone who does good work.

#### v) Empowering Bharat

"Make in India" are the three words by PM Modi from the ramparts of the Red Fort that woke the nation up to its potential. For years, the country has been grappling with the menace of unemployment, but the PM's vision to transform India into the manufacturing hub of the world has breathed new life into about 25 different sectors. Foreign investment is pouring in, and Ease of Doing Business rankings are climbing steadily. Add to this Modi's flagship campaigns – Skills India and Digital India and the nation is turning into one of the best startup incubation centres in the world.

#### vi) Empowering Farmers For A Prosperous India

The PM Modi-led government has laid unprecedented focus on agriculture. Several initiatives have been taken to improve productivity, safeguard farmers, augment their incomes, and improve their overall well-being. These significant steps of the government are helping farmers in many ways, including easy availability of fertilisers, improving irrigation facilities, easy access to credit, scientific help and better prices for their produce. PM Modi also aims to double farmers' incomes by 2022 through multi-modal interventions.

#### vii) Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao

PM Modi launched Beti Bachao Beti Padhao on 22 January 2015 at Panipat, Haryana. This mission was initiated to address the worsening Child Sex Ratio and issues related to women's empowerment over a life-cycle. It is an effort of three ministries: Ministries of Women and Child Development, Health & Family Welfare and Human Resource Development. A strong emphasis has been placed on the change of mindset through training, sensitization, awareness raising, and community mobilisation on the ground. As per

government data available for six years (from 2014-20), the Sex Ratio at Birth (SRB) has improved by 16 points from 918 in 2014-15 to 934 in 2019-20. The Gross Enrolment Ratio of girls in the schools at the secondary level has improved from 77.45 to 81.32.

#### viii) Connecting India Like Never Before

PM Modi's government has been giving a huge boost to infrastructure. Railways, roads, and shipping have been the focus of increasing this infrastructure and aiding in connectivity. The Railway budget focuses on structural and infrastructural reforms. The number of airports has doubled. New trains are announced on a basis. regular rather than annual Various passenger-friendly amenities, including Wi-fi at railway stations, passenger helpline (138), security helpline (182), paperless unreserved ticketing, e-catering, mobile security app and CCTV cameras for the safety of women, etc, have been launched. The railways will serve as a locomotive of the economy and connect mines, coasts, etc.

#### ix) Respecting the dignity of women

Out of over 24 crore households in Bharat, about 10 crore households were deprived of LPG as cooking fuel and used primary cooking sources such as firewood, coal and dung cakes. The smoke produced by burning these fuels badly affects women's and children's health and causes various respiratory disorders. Now, they have been provided with LPG cylinders. Around 12 crore toilets have been built since 2014. The Women's Reservation Bill 2023, also known as the Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam Bill, has finally ensured 33% of women's participation in the parliament and state legislature.

PM Modi is a leader who has both power and passion. We have seen political leaders who have visionary thinking, and we have seen some leaders who have an eye for detail, but PM Modi can do both. While his eyes are focused on the stars, his feet are firmly on the ground. It is up to the youth to ensure that he gets a decisive mandate once again to realise the dream of Viksit Bharat.

# Choosing Progress: My First Vote for Modi

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India has made unparalleled advances not just in the realm of hard power, a metric often favoured by the Western world, but also in its rich cultural heritage, which is increasingly prominent on the global stage. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi stands as a revered figure, exemplifying decisive leadership and unwavering confidence, preparing the nation to face future challenges. During these significant times, the grand festival of democracy is upon us. Elections are not only a substantial endeavour in terms of administrative efforts and lavish spending, but they

also offer us the opportunity to exercise our right to choose our leader. The moment is ideal for supporting PM Modi in another remarkable journey to the highest ranks in Delhi. Elections empower us to select leaders who not only accept the mantle of responsibility but are also prepared to defend the nation. We are fortunate to have a leader who refers to himself as the 'Pradhan Sevak'.

We are fortunate to hail from one of the oldest and most illustrious civilizations. The ideas originating from our motherland have adeptly catered to those from foreign lands seeking solace in our culture. We have bestowed upon the world the civilizational texts of the Ramayana and the Mahabharata. Following the end of colonial rule and India's emergence into independence, we found ourselves entangled with Western ideals and standards, which have captivated today's youth. Prime Minister Modi has played a pivotal role in fostering a Hindu Renaissance among the citizens of Bharat, highlighting our great ethos, glorified past, affirmative values, and a vision for humanity.

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First-time voters, empowered by Article 326 of the Constitution of India, must grasp the significance of their choice in selecting a leader. They should feel confident in re-electing a prime minister who leads the country with unwavering dedication. This sense of responsibility extends to granting PM Modi a third



term, acknowledging the strides Bharat has made across various domains. Our nation is committed to a continually growing economy, providing welfare schemes, essential livelihood necessities, empowering women with skills and support. The government upholds the interests of every societal segment, fostering overall development. The Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam 2023 stands as evidence of commitment to increasing women's representation in parliament. Politically, we have driven democracy forward by reaching out to every citizen, and socially, our initiatives have benefited all sections of society.

The advancements in infrastructure, transport, and technology have positioned us prominently in a multipolar world. Recognizing our true potential, we now stand firm, unafraid to voice our criticisms on any issue within the global arena. Whether in wars or regional conflicts around the world, Indian citizens have been prioritized for rescue operations, instilling a sense of pride in their families back home. With the power of the tricolour, Indians are now recognized as citizens from a land of rich civilization. This generation of identity and the assertion of authority are the results of strong leadership, which we are poised to elect once again.

Internal security has been robust, starting from the very top of the power hierarchy. We have been proactive in neutralizing potential terrorist threats before they materialize, and there have been significant revisions to the AFSPA. The Naxal movement has taken a major hit over the years. In Jammu and Kashmir, the state, often considered the crown jewel, people now enjoy normalcy and can engage in trade and commerce. The abrogation of Article 370 has been a pivotal step in easing administrative burdens. We have all observed the political developments leading to the Ram Mandir Andolan, and today, as the temple stands tall on the banks of the Saryu, we feel a deep sense of pride in the political leadership we have witnessed at both the central and state levels over these years.

India is fortunate to possess a rich ecological diversity, particularly in the culturally vibrant North-Eastern region, which had long been mired in underdevelopment. Since 2014, this region has undergone significant transformations. Today, as world leaders advocate for common differentiated goals, they seek partnerships with Bharat, inspired by the capable leadership of PM Modi. Fiscal matters, including taxation, have traditionally been fraught with complexities. However, the introduction of the Goods and Services Tax and the standardization of input credit have greatly simplified documentation processes.

Initiatives like Digital India, Make in India, and Aatmnirbhar Bharat have positioned us competitively in the technology-driven millennium. Through meticulously planned strategies, India has boosted production across various sectors. With this widespread development and the visible societal transformations, it is once again time for our first-time voters to contribute to the evolution of a Vikist Bharat. In this 'Amrit Kaal,' we are committed to elevating our nation among the top global economies and nurturing a generation recognized as the standard-bearers of refined ancient values.

Power is an influential factor and is as dynamic as those who wield it. Over the last decade, our political leadership's commitment has significantly expedited defence acquisitions, including shipbuilding, aircraft gunnery, and the emerging field of drones. In terms of logistics and transport, initiatives like inland waterways, the Bharatmala project, multimodal corridors, and rail freight corridors have been transformational. The impact of these initiatives, which began in 2014, will become increasingly evident by 2024.

Every Indian can see reflections of their struggles and dedication in the life journey of PM Modi. He is revered for initiating 'Pariksha Pe Charcha,' an annual dialogue that has notably benefited first-time voters. Issues of religion, language, and caste have long tainted politics. But today, we are fortunate to have a leader who transcends these divisions, standing proudly for his country. Youth must support him as he seeks his third term in office for a better future for all.

### My First Vote to Modi: Supporting Development, Security, & Governance

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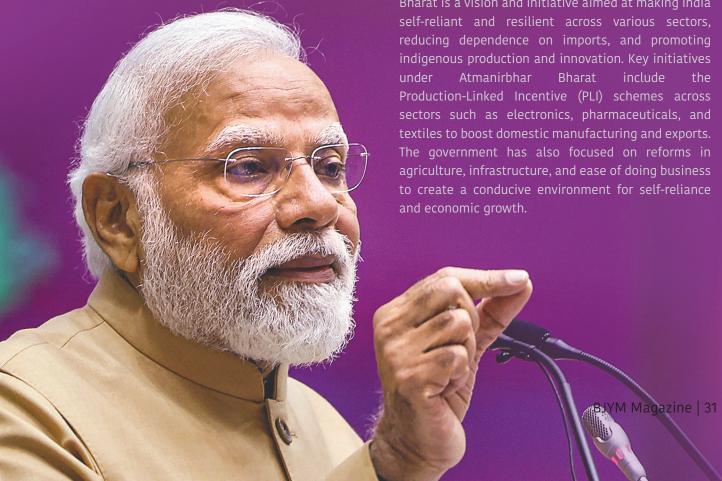
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As a student at the National Institute of Technology Andhra Pradesh in Tadepalligudem and hailing from Visakhapatnam, I am eager to share my perspective on why first-time voters should consider supporting our esteemed Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. India, while on the cusp of development, has not yet reached its full potential. However, I am confident that under PM Modi's leadership, our nation will soon be recognized as fully developed by the global community. In the following sections, I will delve into the reasons behind my support for the campaign #MeraPehlaVoteModiKo.

Ram Janmabhoomi Verdict - The Ram Janmabhoomi land dispute has been a contentious issue in Indian politics for decades. In November 2019, the Supreme Court of India delivered a historic verdict granting the disputed land in Ayodhya for the construction of a Ram Temple. The Modi government facilitated the resolution of this long-standing issue through legal channels and built a grand temple after 500 years. Muslim Women Protection of Rights on Marriage Act, 2019 - It was enacted by the Indian Parliament in July 2019, criminalizing the practice of instant triple talaq (talaq-e-biddat) among Muslims in India. This law aimed to protect the rights of Muslim women and prevent the arbitrary and instantaneous dissolution of marriage through the pronouncement of triple talaq by husbands.

Abrogation of Article 370 and 35A - In August 2019, the Modi government took a bold step by revoking Article 370 and Article 35A of the Indian Constitution, which granted special status to the erstwhile state of reorganization of the state into two Union Territories: Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh. It aimed to integrate the region more closely with the rest of India and facilitate development initiatives. The move was aimed at addressing issues related to governance, security, and development in the region, although it also sparked debates and discussions both nationally and internationally.

Atmanirbhar Bharat (Self-Reliant India) - Atmanirbhar Bharat is a vision and initiative aimed at making India reducing dependence on imports, and promoting indigenous production and innovation. Key initiatives Atmanirbhar Bharat include under Production-Linked Incentive (PLI) schemes across textiles to boost domestic manufacturing and exports. agriculture, infrastructure, and ease of doing business to create a conducive environment for self-reliance and economic growth.



Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav (Celebration of 75 Years of Independence) Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav was a series of events and initiatives launched by the government to commemorate 75 years of India's independence and celebrate the country's achievements and progress. The Mahotsav included cultural programs, exhibitions, seminars, and initiatives highlighting India's cultural heritage, freedom struggle, and achievements since independence. It served as a platform to inspire patriotism, promote unity, and reflect on India's journey towards development and self-reliance.

National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 - The National Education Policy 2020 is a comprehensive reform initiative aimed at transforming the education sector in India to meet the needs of the 21st century. Key features of NEP 2020 include a new school curriculum framework, emphasis on holistic and multidisciplinary education, promoting research and innovation, integration of technology in education, and focus on vocational training and skill development. NEP 2020 also emphasizes flexibility in learning pathways, promoting the mother tongue as a medium of instruction, and improving access to quality education for all segments of society.

Hosting G20 Summit - India hosted the most successful G20 summit ever. India has actively contributed to discussions and initiatives within the G20 framework, including on issues such as the digital economy, energy security, financial reforms, and global health challenges such as the COVID-19 pandemic. The G20 platform provided India with an opportunity to present its perspectives on global issues, forge partnerships, and contribute to shaping international policies and agreements.

Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) - The Citizenship Amendment Act, passed in December 2019, provides a path to Indian citizenship for persecuted religious minorities from Pakistan, Bangladesh, and Afghanistan who entered India before December 31, 2014. It is a humanitarian gesture to protect minorities facing religious persecution in neighbouring countries.

Uniform Civil Code (UCC) - The Uniform Civil Code is a proposal to create a common set of laws governing personal matters such as marriage, divorce,

inheritance, and adoption for all citizens of India, irrespective of their religion. The idea of a UCC has been enshrined in Article 44 of the Indian Constitution as a directive principle of state policy, encouraging the state to work towards enacting a UCC. It is expected to be implemented under Modi 3.0.

Economic Reforms - Implementation of Goods and Services Tax (GST): A unified tax system aimed at simplifying taxation and improving compliance. Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC): Introduced to address non-performing assets (NPAs) and streamline the resolution process for distressed companies.

Infrastructure Development - Bharatmala Project: Aiming to improve road connectivity across the country.. Sagarmala Project: Focused on modernizing ports and promoting port-led development. Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY): A housing scheme to provide affordable housing to all citizens by 2022.

Financial Inclusion - Jan Dhan Yojana: A financial inclusion initiative to provide banking services to the unbanked population. Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT): Ensures direct transfer of subsidies and benefits to bank accounts, reducing leakages and corruption.

Digital India - Digital India campaign: Aims to transform India into a digitally empowered society and knowledge economy. Aadhaar: The world's largest biometric ID system, facilitating targeted service delivery and improving efficiency.

Defence and Security - Surgical Strikes: Conducted against terrorist targets across the Line of Control (LoC) in response to security threats. Strengthening border infrastructure and modernizing the armed forces. Brought the most prestigious Rafle Warflight and INS Vikrant into our armed forces.

Environmental Initiatives - International Solar Alliance (ISA): Promoting solar energy cooperation among countries. Initiatives to address air pollution, including the National Clean Air Programme (NCAP). These achievements represent a broad spectrum of initiatives undertaken by the Modi government across economic, social, and diplomatic domains. Now, it is our duty to vote for the historic third term of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi.

# **My First Vote** for Modi: Backing **Economic Progress and Global Leadership**

These celebrations, steeped in history, evoke a sense of pride in our cultural heritage. Among them stands the grand spectacle of the Indian parliamentary election, held every five years. This electoral symbolizes India's extravaganza commitment to Indian democratic values, which was pivotal in securing independence from centuries of colonial rule. India is a country that is going through a phenomenal phase of demographic dividends, with more than 50% of the population under 25 years of age. At this point, the nation requires well-rounded good governance,

India is renowned for its vibrant festivals, embodying the essence of hospitality ingrained in our people.

which ensures that there is synergy between our

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essential to have a synergy between the two as it would help keep the country insulated from major economic shocks that are a result of polarized geopolitics. Our country needs a decisive leader who can have a realistic view of international relations and guide India's story to its fullest potential, and only Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi can provide that leadership.

Under PM Modi, India has seen many reforms that have changed the trajectory of both its economic and foreign policy. The synergy between the two that Modiplomacy has created is a major reason why India has been able to navigate global geopolitical tensions, which are constantly dividing the world into more polarizing issues. India has been able to navigate the Western sanctions on Iranian oil since 2016 and on Russian petroleum since 2022, which has played a crucial role in securing our energy security. The result of Modiplomacy, in this case, has been that India's market size of the petroleum industry stands at 38.12 billion cubic meters, which is slated to grow to 49.12 billion cubic meters by 2029, as per a report by Mordor Intelligence.

At the same time, India has become a key player in the formation of groups like QUAD. The creative approach active participation in having organizations, be it economic, cultural or military, has helped India to achieve phenomenal results. India is now the net security provider in the Indian Ocean Region under Mission SAGAR. It hosted a highly productive G-20 presidentship, which saw the passing of unanimous resolutions despite having multiple geopolitical competitors. The major reason why India has been able to achieve such spectacular results is due to the enormous number of economic policies that have been enacted, like Insolvency and Bankruptcy law, GST Act, PLI, etc., which have made India the fifth largest economy in the world. This unique approach of having a strong economic policy which is responsive to geopolitical changes is making the world believe in the India Story, a testimony of which is the FII inflows, which totalled more than \$24.9 billion in FY-24.

The geopolitical impact that a country has is determined by the nation's economy and its

integration into the global supply chains. In today's day and age, global supply chains revolve around major pillars like Climate Change, STEM subjects and the digital economy. India has heavily outperformed major economies in the world. For instance, in the field of the digital economy, our country has one of the largest public digital infrastructures available in the form of the Unified Payments Interface (UPI), which has powered India to have more than 40% of real-time digital payments in today's world. Additionally, significant steps in the digital economy include the Aadhaar, which is a digital identity in today's time. The impact of all these reforms is that India has the lowest data charges in the world, which has powered Indian youth to have the third-largest startup ecosystem globally.

The STEM subjects have also seen substantial reforms, such as the opening of 7 IITs, 16 IIITs, 15 AIIMS, and 390 universities. The New Education Policy 2020, first after 1985, allows foreign universities to open colleges in India and is also aimed at making India competent at the global level today. The results of these steps in STEM subjects show that India today has the best talent pool of engineers and scientists in the world, which attracts the best companies in the world.

In the field of climate change, India has a first-mover advantage as it aims to have net carbon zero by 2030. India has also spearheaded various global initiatives like the International Solar Alliance, Global Biofuel Alliance, and IBCA, which will add to the capabilities of Indian youth in the coming times. The domestic policies also resonate with the agenda of climate change with the successful oversubscription of India's first tranche of sovereign green bonds launched in 2023.

One of the major reasons that the entire globe believes the India Story is undoubtedly the synergy that PM Modi has been able to create between global issues, domestic policies and our aspirations as a young country. It is this thinking of integrating all possible factors into governance which makes PM Modi the most credible person to take ahead the Indian growth story to its positive conclusion, which could enable Indian youth to fulfil the dreams of our ancestors of making India a "Vishwaguru".

Since assuming office in 2014, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has placed significant emphasis on our nation's economic growth and the creation of employment opportunities for India's youth. Modi government always believed that the youth of this nation hold the key to leading our nation on the path of progress and prosperity. The Dream of Viksit Bharat through social and economic development is inseparable from the dreams of Indian youth to achieve great heights in their life. Since its inception in 2014, with a vision to harness the power of Indian youth, the Modi government has brought in several policy changes and introduced new schemes that catalyse job creation in various sectors.

Transformative Policies- As a primary initiative, our Modi government introduced the Make in India program with the intention of transforming India into a Global investment destination and manufacturing hub, thus providing lakhs of job opportunities for the young Indian workforce. This initiative propelled India's economic development and improved our export growth rate in the last 10 years. The program facilitated innovation and investment in 27 key growth sectors. FDI inflow, which stood at US \$ 45.15 Billion in 2014-2015, increased to \$ 83.6 Billion in the year 2022.

In continuation of its efforts to attract more FDI into the country, the Modi government launched the "Production Linked Initiative(PLI)" scheme in the year 2020 for 14 manufacturing sectors. This scheme incentivises domestic manufacturing by providing tax rewards to industries and encouraging them to establish their manufacturing units in our country. Presently, there is a shortage of Semiconductor chips all over the world, and to tap into that sector, the Modi government immediately launched a UDS 10 Billion incentive scheme to attract investment in that sector and to create a Semiconductor manufacturing and design ecosystem in India. Already, three units have been approved to set up their manufacturing units in India, and about 3 lakh new jobs are said to be created through these units.

# Empowering the Modi Generation: Unleashing Youth Potential in New India

"Yuva Devo Bhava, Yuva Shakti Devo Bhava."

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These kinds of key economic reforms and business-friendly policy initiatives have created a conducive environment for job creation in various sectors of the country. With the introduction of the PLI Scheme in 2020, the Mobile manufacturing industry created 5 lakh new jobs in the country and is expected to add another 2,50,000 jobs by the next 12 months. Companies like Apple and other global brands have queued up to shift their existing units and also establish new assembly lines in India. This growth is not just restricted to Mobile manufacturing. The automobile sector is also projected to create 7.5 lakh job opportunities (Direct and Indirect) in the coming 5 years.

Even in sectors like real estate, thanks to the policies of the Modi government, the size of the real estate market in India is expected to hit \$ 1 trillion in 2030, from \$20 billion in 2017. And job growth in the market has increased from 31 million to 71 million in the year 2023.

Central Government Schemes- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi wants the youth not just to be job seekers but to emerge as job providers. To create new-age entrepreneurs, the Modi government rolled out the StartUp India scheme in 2016 to build and nurture a strong startup ecosystem through innovation for sustainable economic growth and generate large-scale employment opportunities. Under this scheme, a Fund of Funds for Startups with a corpus of Rs 10,000 crore was created to support the startups. In addition to the earlier fund, a new scheme under the name "Startup India Seed Fund" was launched in 2021 with a corpus of Rs 945 Crores to support 3600 Startups in the country through eligible incubation centres. Thanks to such path-breaking initiatives, the number of startups in India increased from 504 in 2016 to 1,12,718 in December 2023. Till 2016-2017, only one Unicorn company was emerging per year in India, but today, India is home to 111 Unicorns with a total valuation of Rs 34,967 crores, and five startups have emerged as Decacorn Startups. The BJP manifesto for the 2024 elections also promises to improve the schemes for Startups further and encourage setting up Startups in Tier 2 and Tier 3 cities of the country.

To encourage setting up Small and Micro enterprises, Pradhan Mantri MUDRA Yojana(PMMY) was launched in 2016 to provide easy collateral-free credit of Rs 10 lakhs for income-generating activities. A total of 40.82 crore loans were sanctioned, amounting to a total of Rs 23.2 Lakh crores under this scheme till April 2023. Of these, 21% of the loans were sanctioned to new entrepreneurs, and 61% of the total loans were sanctioned to women entrepreneurs. Further, to equip the Indian youth with the required skill set, the Modi government launched the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana under the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship. The aim is to make the Indian youth industry ready for the fast emerging sectors, and since its inception, a total of 1.34 candidates have been trained under the scheme.

Rozgar Mela - In a major push to fulfil the dreams of thousands of Indian youth to secure a government job, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi launched a special drive in 2022 to fill up the vacancies in central government departments. As promised, the Modi government will hand over the appointment letters to ten lakh appointees by February 2024. The recruits will join 38 departments/ministries of the Central Government at various levels.

To conclude, our Modi government has truly transformed the job markets of India and fulfilled the long-cherished dreams of Indian youth to unleash their full potential. The Modi government has made sure to cater to the needs of not just job seekers but also ensured that Indian youth emerge as job providers on a large scale. The Indian youth will definitely keep this track record and achievements of the Modi government in mind while casting their vote in the ongoing 2024 General elections. And just like Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi secured the future of Indian youth by providing them ample job opportunities, the Indian youth will also ensure that the future of India is secure and safe by re-electing PM Modi for a historic third term.

**My First Vote for Stability & Progress: My First Vote** for Modi

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As I prepare to cast my vote for the first time in the Lok Sabha Election of 2024, I reflect on the significant responsibility that comes with this privilege. Born and raised in Manipur, I understand the importance of selecting a representative who will advocate effectively for our state's interests on the national stage. In this regard, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) led by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi emerges as a compelling choice, demonstrating a consistent commitment to addressing the unique challenges faced by Manipur and implementing initiatives that have positively impacted the lives of its citizens.

One of the notable achievements of the Modi government in Manipur lies in infrastructure development. Over the years, significant efforts have been made to enhance road connectivity, particularly remote and underserved areas. improvements have not only facilitated easier transportation of goods and services but have also enhanced accessibility to essential services such as prioritizing healthcare and education. Ву has laid infrastructure development, BJP the foundation for socio-economic growth and development in Manipur.

Another area where the BJP government has made significant strides is in the agricultural sector. Recognizing the importance of agriculture in Manipur's economy and the livelihoods of its people, it has undertaken various initiatives to modernize agricultural practices. It includes providing farmers with access to better seeds, tools, and techniques, as well as improving irrigation infrastructure to increase crop yields and boost farmers' incomes. By investing in agriculture, BJP is not only ensuring food security but also empowering farmers to thrive in a competitive market.

Education has been a key focus area for the government in Manipur. The establishment of new schools and colleges and the upgrading of existing educational institutions have expanded educational opportunities and improved learning outcomes across the state. Additionally, emphasis on skill development programs has equipped the youth of Manipur with the necessary skills and training to succeed in today's job market. By investing in education, the government is

laying the groundwork for a brighter future for the youth of Manipur.

Healthcare is another area where the Modi government's impact in Manipur is evident. It has invested in upgrading healthcare infrastructure, including the construction of new hospitals and health centres, as well as the provision of modern medical equipment and facilities. These efforts have led to improved healthcare services and better access to medical care for the people of Manipur, ultimately contributing to enhanced public health outcomes.

In addition to these tangible achievements, governance in Manipur has been characterized by transparency, accountability, and inclusive development. The government has worked closely with local communities, listening to their needs and concerns and incorporating their feedback into policymaking processes. Moreover, efforts to combat corruption and ensure efficient governance have instilled a sense of trust and confidence among the people of Manipur.

Furthermore, the BJP has taken proactive measures to address security concerns along the India-Myanmar border. It includes the implementation of fencing and the suspension of the Free Movement Regime (FMR) with Myanmar to enhance border security and safeguard territorial integrity. Additionally, the imposition of the Inner Line Permit (ILP) system reflects the commitment to preserving the cultural and demographic integrity of Manipur.

As I prepare to exercise my right to vote in the Lok Sabha Election 2024, I am confident in my decision to support PM Modi. I am not just voting for a party but for a vision of progress, prosperity, and inclusive growth for Manipur and its citizens. With a track record of governance and dedication to addressing the challenges faced by Manipur, I believe that my vote will contribute to shaping a brighter future for the state and its people.

