

NARENDRA MODI

Narendra Modi is an Indian Politician and the present Prime Minister of India. He is one of the popular world leaders, and people from other countries like the US also admire him and respect him. His ideology and the way of expressing his thoughts in public has a remarkable impact on the people. His speeches and way of handling the government is liked by the people. In this essay on Narendra Modi, students will get to know the life story of Narendra Modi, his early life and his tenure period after becoming the Prime Minister of India.

★Early Life of Narendra Modi

Narendra Damodardas Modi was born in Vadnagar on 17th September 1950. Vadnagar is a small village in the Mehsana district of Gujarat. He was the third child among his six siblings. His father, Damodardas Mulchand Modi, was a tea seller and his mother, Hiraba Modi, was a housewife. The entire family lived in a small single storey house, and they had to struggle to earn their livelihood. In the early years, Narendra Modi helped his father by selling the tea at the tea stall, which was set up in the local railway station. As a child, he managed to balance his studies, non-academic life and his contribution at the family tea stall. He was a diligent student and had good debating and reading skills. He loves to read the books in the school library and spend hours reading. In childhood, he wanted to serve the nation by joining the Indian Army. But fate had a different plan for him, and later, he entered into the Indian Political System.

★ Story of Narendra Modi

At the age of 17, Narendra Modi left his home and travelled across India. He travelled to various places, including the Himalayas, West Bengal and North East. During his travels, he explored different cultures and traditions of various parts of India. This is the time when he totally lost in spirituality. After travelling for two years, he returned back to home and joined the RSS (Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh) in 1972. He worked in it for several years, and his work got recognised by other leaders. Due to his dedication and inclination, he was assigned by the RSS to the BJP in 1985. Later he became a member of the BJP's National Election Committee in 1990, where he got the opportunity to work with other leaders closely.

★Narendra Modi – The Prime Minister of India

Narendra Modi served as the Prime minister of India from 2014 to 2019. He was again elected as India's Prime Minister on 30th May 2019 consecutively for the second term. Before becoming the Prime Minister, he was the Chief Minister of Gujarat and served the longest term from October 2001 to May 2014. Modi is inspired by the motto of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas' and aims to build a development-oriented and corruption-free governance. He has a dream and vision for digital India. Initiatives like Aadhaar, UPI and Digi locker, which ensure faceless, cashless and paperless Governance, are a few steps towards the digital India. With the help of technology, people can easily access education, health care and agriculture services. It will also bring transparency and accountability to the system.

Narendra Modi has taken several strong decisions, such as demonetization, surgical strike etc., during his tenure. He has introduced various schemes and programmes for the welfare of the people, which covers all the sections of the society. He has inaugurated the world's largest healthcare programme, Ayushman Bharat. It aims to provide top quality and affordable healthcare to

the poor and neo-middle class. He has launched the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana that aims at opening bank accounts for every Indian and making them financially strong. For farmers, the Prime Minister has launched various schemes such as PM Kisan Samman Nidhi and various initiatives for agriculture ranging from Soil Health Cards, E-NAM for better markets and a renewed focus on irrigation.

PM Modi has been conferred various honours by other countries. He got the highest civilian honour of Saudi Arabia, Sash of King Abdulaziz. He has been conferred the top awards of Afghanistan (Amir Amanullah Khan Award), Russia (The Order of the Holy Apostle Andrew the First), UAE (Zayed Medal), Maldives (Rule of Nishan Izzuddeen), and Palestine (Grand Collar of the State of Palestine). In 2018, PM received the prestigious Seoul Peace Prize for his contribution to peace and development. He has received an overwhelming response at the UN for marking a day as 'International Day of Yoga'. PM Modi also launched a mass movement for cleanliness across the nation called 'Swachh Bharat Mission' on 2nd October 2014 to celebrate Mahatma Gandhi's birth anniversary.

Narendra Modi is a 'People's Leader' dedicated to solve the problems of people and improve their well-being. Nothing is more satisfying to him than being amongst the people, sharing their joys and alleviating their sorrows. His powerful 'personal connect' with the people on ground is complemented by a strong online presence. He is known as India's most techno-savvy leader, using the web to reach people and bring about change in their lives. He is very active on social media platforms, including Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, Weibo, Instagram and other forums. Apart from politics, Narendra Modi enjoys writing. He has authored several books, including poetry. He begins his day with Yoga, which strengthens his body and mind and instils the power of calmness in an otherwise fast-paced routine.

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