

PM Narendra Modi targets Congress: 'Failed in govt, failed in Opposition'

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IN A scathing attack on Opposition parties, particularly the Congress, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said Sunday that those who "were a failure in government" have "also failed as Opposition". Addressing the BJP's national executive, the Prime Minister targeted the "grand alliance" of the Opposition, saying that those who have no political or ideological understanding, who cannot even tolerate each other, are embracing each other. "That is the biggest indication of our success... because people have accepted our party, leadership and programmes," Union Minister and senior party leader Ravi Shankar Prasad quoted Modi as saying.

Referring to Amit Shah's speech at the event earlier, Prasad said that the BJP chief expressed confidence that the party will win the 2019 Lok Sabha elections because of its performance. "He said that no one can dethrone the BJP for the next 50 years," Prasad said.

Briefing reporters on Modi's speech, Prasad said: "The PM said there was no leadership in the mahagathbandhan (grand alliance), their policies were unclear and intentions were corrupt. The PM said there was no ideology,

leadership, coordination and similarity inside the mahagathbandhan."

According to Prasad, Modi did not foresee any challenge for the BJP in 2019. "The PM said that in a democracy, the Opposition should exist... their questions and way of seeking accountability used to be a strength of democracy," he said. Quoting from Modi's speech, Prasad said: "But the problem is that those who were a failure in Government have also failed as Opposition. They never raised genuine issues."

According to Prasad, Modi said that the BJP was ready to take on the Opposition on the question of ideology and the government's work in 48 months. But in that case, Prasad quoted Modi as saying, questions will be asked also about the 48-year rule of one family.

Modi also accused the Opposition of "fighting on lies, speaking a new lie every day," said Prasad. "The PM said that we are ready to fight on policies but we do not know how to fight with lies," Prasad said.

The reference to "lies" appeared to indicate what the BJP feels is confusion being created by the Opposition on the SC/ST Act. According to BJP leaders, when the Supreme Court laid down stringent safeguards before registering a case under the Act, the

Opposition supported Dalit organisations protesting against any change. However, after the Parliament retained the original provisions through a Bill, the BJP accused the Opposition of instigating protests by upper-caste groups.

"The Opposition may come united or separate but they should at least explain the grounds on which they will take on the BJP in the elections — ideology or work? We are ready to face the Opposition on every issue," a release issued by the party quoted the PM as saying.

"The Opposition does not want to contest the election on the basis of ideology or the work of the government and does not have courage to contest on ethics. Hence, the Opposition has come to the level of politics of lies," the release quoted Modi as saying.

According to Prasad, Modi asked party workers to respond strategically to falsehoods of the Opposition, and Congress in particular, with details of work and achievements of four years of the NDA government. "The PM said that no one — even smaller parties — were ready to accept the leadership of the Congress, and that they think of the Congress leadership as a burden. He also said that the situation of not accepting the leadership of Congress existed within the party, too," said Prasad.

Bharat Bandh - No govt role in fuel price hike, says BJP; slams Congress for 'violent' protests

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Congress chief Rahul Gandhi kickstarted the party's call for a nationwide shutdown on Rajghat in New Delhi on Monday. In what is being termed as the first joint political action by the Opposition in several months, the Bharat Bandh has been called to protest against the rising fuel prices as well as the fall in the value of the Rupee. Congress has claimed that 21 parties, including SP, BSP, TMC, DMK and RJD, as well as several chambers of commerce and traders' bodies, have backed its Bharat bandh call. Leaders of Opposition parties are expected to stage a dharna at Rajghat today. Moreover, five Left Front parties have given a separate call for bandh over the hike in fuel prices, the problem of farmers and unemployment issues. While the shutdown has remained peaceful so far, incidents of violence have been reported from Pune, Bharuch and Patna. While MNS workers vandalised buses in Pune, protesters in Patna and Gujarat's Bharuch district burnt tyres on roads. Who is responsible for the violence: Ravi Shankar Prasad



on Bharat Bandh Union Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad is addressing a press conference in response to the Bharat bandh call by Congress. Slamming the Congress for violent attacks that took place earlier in the day, Ravi Shankar Prasad said, "In democracy, everybody is welcomed to protest, but is violence acceptable? The Congress party should answer who is responsible for burning of buses, vandalising petrol pump. It's the essence of democracy that hospitals, ambulances, and medicine shops are allowed to function without any hindrance. But, with the death of 2-year-old in Bihar today, an environment of fear is being created."

"The people of India are not supporting the strike as they understand that the fuel price is operated by global market and is not in our control. We are trying our best to control the situation," he added. Bharat bandh: Over 400 picketers arrested in Tripura Over 400 picketers were arrested in Tripura during the Bharat Bandh on Monday, Speaking to indianexpress.com, Pradesh Congress president Birajit Sinha said people have "spontaneously" supported 'Bharat Bandh' today in the

state "People have expressed support to our bandh. Our reports from different districts suggest that they have spontaneously supported the agitation. Our supporters courted arrest at Dharmanagar in North Tripura, Camperbazaar and other parts of West Tripura and other districts. Ruling BJP and administration threatened them to abandon the agitation but we received tremendous support", Sinha said. Meanwhile, CPI (M) state secretary Bijan Dhar said his party and three other Left Front allies — CPI, All India Forward Bloc and Revolutionary Socialist Party (RSP) observed strike on the same day against alleged misrule of BJP-led NDA government. "Common people are going through a very hard time due to the devaluation of Indian currency, rising fuel prices, inflation, attacks on Dalits and minorities among other issues. Our strike call protested against these. The bandh was total in Tripura", Dhar said. Most schools, colleges in the state had low attendance today as per reports. But the state secretariat and other government office had normal functioning. The Department of General Administration earlier issued a memo and instructed employees to maintain normal functioning on the day of the strike. The memo also summoned the attendance report of all employees by the noon.

Thailand Education System vs Manipur Education System

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You don't worry from this fear in Thai education system. The system in Thailand is to nurture your child, not to destroy your child's carrier by punishing in the examination. 2. Career Opportunity Study and schooling in Bangkok must be a new horizon in your career. Whatever you learn in India, the same topics and subjects will be learning in American classroom, British classroom, so does in Bangkok. The differences are how people manage things, how people interact with each other. The more you see, the more your mind and thought will be opening up. This is how education works and in that way you learn to cope up with problems and situation in your future career and business. Classroom is much more modern compared with Indian schools or universities. Growing up in Thailand, you can see a number of business and work opportunity not only in Thailand but also in southeast Asian countries such as Singapore and Malaysia which is one day journey by bus. You have the opportunity to travel most of the ASEAN nations easily if you live in Bangkok.

3. Chance to Get Admission In a large population and with poverty, our government cannot arrange enough

number of seats in each discipline. You want to study medicine but you cannot get admission, there is no way to pursue your dream course. According to UN expert, India needs to double the university from the existing ones to educate our youths but our government cannot afford it. In this situation only a fraction of students get admitted in their dream career subjects. There is more chance to get admission in Thai universities as foreign student. But there is no course in medicine for foreign students. You have chances for other courses including engineering courses. But be ready your English skill because you are going to another country and it is required for admission. 4. Learn Thai Language If you go to school in Thailand, naturally you will be picking and learning Thai language. If you can communicate in a foreign language, you have better opportunity for employment and you are about to able to do business with Thai people. This is an opening the door of opportunity. 5. Food and Weather Food and climate are nothing strange to you in Thailand. Whatever we eat in Manipur, you can find plenty of them in Thailand. The taste of Thai food will be nothing new to you once you taste it, unlike mainland Indian

food. We are much more closer to Thai in terms of foods and drinks. Yongchak, Soibum, fermented fish, vegetables, eatable insects, meat, fish so on and so forth. Weather will not torture you in Thailand. 6. Second Class Citizen Feeling When you go to another city in India, you will feel second class citizen with our mongoloid face (Sorry to say this but our personal experiences). You will never have this feeling in Thailand. You just feel as if you are living in your hometown as the surrounding people and their culture will not shock to you. People are friendly. Nobody will call you and talk behind you 'Chinky' as it is in other states of India. Local people will just feel you like their local fellow people. If they found you foreigner, they will react even friendlier, not like as fearful feeling as in Delhi or Kolkata. 7. Opportunities for Learning Other Foreign Languages If you study in Thai high school, you have the opportunity to learn other foreign languages easily. English and Chinese are taught in almost all schools, and French, Japanese, Korean, German are also taught to a bit less extent. You will learn Thai without any struggle as time passes. Bangkok has much more opportunity for learning foreign languages than any cities of India. You can learn any foreign language easily which you will never see or heard of that opportunity in Manipur. Teaching and learning is more in participation and practical in nature while in India, learning is mostly in theory and students might not able to work directly after they finished their course in India because of our teaching and

learning depends heavily only on theory. 8. Admission In Thailand new school session will begin on 15 May every year. Admission for foreign students should start by January and February. All documents and paperwork should be done by April and May. There are two semesters in a year. There is no winter holiday in Thailand as winter is almost unknown in Thailand. Some universities have autumn intake/admission. For university students, some universities provide hostel. Their hostels are very different from our India university hostels. The room, canteen, floors, and surroundings are neat and clean like expensive hotel in India. Free internet will be provided in the hostels and university campus. If you want to stay in private apartment, there are plenty of them. Rental will be much cheaper compared with apartment in India with same facilities as supply is much more plenty in Thailand whereas in India rental is very costly due to demand far exceeds than supply with the large population size. In the university, nursing, hotel management, tourism course and hospitality courses are popular among the foreign students. Thais are famous in these areas very well so they are really famous in tourism sector, as well as in medical tourism too. You can see more foreign students in the above mentioned disciplines. All other modern courses are offered in the university. If you like to know more about education, courses or admission, contact Mr.Dina at the following address below. (This article was once more produced by Imphal Times in the request of some of our readers)

Political analysts have also observed that the statement of Shylla demanding the Assam government to transfer back the Block I & II to Meghalaya as these areas fall under the then United Khasi and Jaintia Hills District is a strong indication of him planning to contest the MP election. Party sources on Sunday informed that the party is unhappy after learning that Shylla is trying to raise such issues that strike a coed with the masses thereby preparing the ground for him in the 2019 MP elections. While the MDA partners, especially the UDP are pushing for a common candidate to contest the Shillong Parliamentary seat, the NPP is also open to this idea in having a common candidate for the Shillong Parliamentary seat. But amidst these, rumours are doing the rounds that Shillong Congress MP, Vincent H Pala is also planning to join the NPP with the intention to contest from the party in the 2019 Lok Sabha poll from the Shillong Parliamentary seat.

Earthquake in Haryana, tremors felt in parts of Delhi according to news reports. However, there are no reports of loss of life or damage to property so far. This comes less than 24 hours after an earthquake measuring 3.8 on the Richter scale hit Jhajjar district on Sunday afternoon. The Indian Meteorological Department said the earthquake struck at about 4.37 pm at a depth of 10 km.

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An earthquake measuring 3.6 on the Richter scale struck Jhajjar district in Haryana on Monday morning, according to India Meteorological Department. The earthquake struck at 6.28 am at a depth of 10 km, the agency added. Tremors were felt in parts of Delhi and Uttar Pradesh,

especially with Chief Minister, Conrad K Sangma may be an indication about Pala's intention to join the party. Party sources have however clarified that the party leadership is unaware if there is a move by Pala to join the NPP. It may be mentioned that Pala was seen accompanying Conrad several times due to which such rumours are doing the rounds. The Shillong Congress MP had recently accompanied Chief Minister when he had gone to submit his resignation as the MP of Tura to Lok Sabha Speaker, Sumitra Mahajan too. Speaking on this issue, the Chief Minister while speaking to the media had earlier said that everyone is free to make their own conclusions on this. But if all Pala joins the NPP then he would definitely be the first choice to contest the MP elections from the party, party sources said adding that the party would then have no other option but to request Shylla to withdraw his decision to contest the MP election. So, will Pala confirm his affinity with NPP? Will Shylla's groundwork prepare a solid base for him in 2019 or will it all go down in vain?

Meghalaya: Shylla goes unabated before 2019 elections but is Pala NPP's 1st choice?

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The National People's Party (NPP) leadership in the State seems to be having a tough time due to unabated statements made by KHADC Chief Executive Member (CEM) Hispreaching Son Shylla. The party leadership seems to be especially irked by Shylla's statements on persons living with HIV/AIDS which has sparked a strong protest from the people. It may be recalled here that the CEM of KHADC gained spontaneous prominence when he pushed the Khasi Hills Autonomous District (Khasi Social Custom of Lineage) (Second Amendment) Bill, 2018 which proposed to bar Khasi women to marry any non khasi or non tribal outside the Khasi community. This bill has been strongly criticized by several women groups. Sources have also informed that the NPP is upset on having known that Shylla, on his own, is preparing the ground work to contest next year's Lok Sabha polls from the Shillong Parliamentary seat.

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