

72% favour Modi if LS polls held today

New Delhi: A whopping 72% respondents to an poll conducted by Times Group said they will vote for Narendra Modi as PM if Lok Sabha elections were held today. More respondents showed their preference for a 'third front' candidate (16%) for the top post compared to Congress president Rahul Gandhi (12%) in the 'Pulse of the Nation' poll conducted in nine languages less than a year before the general elections.

Similarly, 16% voted for the likelihood of a 'third front' government and 11% for a Rahul-led government. An over-

whelming 73% said Modi-led government would be formed.

Employment was a major challenge with 28% respondents identifying it as the "single biggest failure" of the Modi government, followed by demonetisation at 22%.

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Over 8.4 lakh people participated in the online-only poll, which was available only to those with internet connections, which is about 55% urban and 25% of rural India. Only one vote was allowed per IP address. TNN