

PM meets ASHA workers



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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday encouraged Asha workers to devote their energies to work in coordination with other Government agencies to improve the quality of life in their villages even as he explained how Government schemes and initiatives are aimed at empowering the poor to fight poverty.

Modi was interacting with a group of 90 Asha workers, who appraised him about their work. They recounted how they were instrumental in saving lives of poor mothers and children through timely intervention.

The group of about 90 Asha repre-

sentatives from across the country also thanked the Prime Minister for the recent announcement of increase in their incentives and insurance cover, a statement from the Prime Minister's Office said. There are a total of 10,23,136 Accredited Social Health Activists (Asha) across the country.

Modi recalled his recent interaction with Asha and Anganwadi workers across the country via video conference and appreciated the experiences and personal accounts that had been shared by them. The Prime Minister appreciated the skill and dedication of Asha workers, and recalled that even Bill and Melinda Gates had praised their efforts towards eradication of diseases such as 'Kala Azar'.