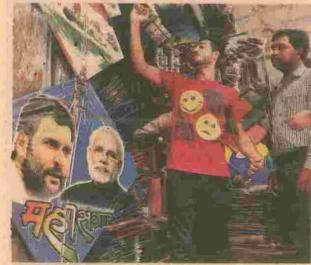
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With I-Day speech, Modi set to sound the 2019 poll bugle



PM Modi will set the tone for the 2019 elections and could touch upon issues such as internal security, terrorism and agriculture, among others PHOTO: DALIP KUMAR

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speech before the 2019 Lok Sabha elections, Prime Minister for this scheme. Narendra Modi will present a bugle for the election season.

also dedicate to the nation a 190-km railway line between Phulera in Rajasthan, which fall under the Western Dedicated Freight Corridor (WDFC).

Eastern and Western DFCs will Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust.

from across the central govern- Standard has learnt. ment have sent their inputs to ahead of his speech from the ramparts of Red Fort in New also expected to lay out long- cost of production. term targets for job creation, New India 2022 development goals'. "Since this is the fifth the same could be expected year of the government, the Centre is in consolidation announcing new ones. In terms announcements, there may be details only on the universal health insurance scheme, Aayushmaan Bharat. Apart the achievements so far in otherschemes," sald a government official Ayushman Bharat or the National Health Protection scheme is aimed at providing tertiary healthcare to all. Those featuring in the social economic cast census can avail of this scheme. While some states have opted for the insurance model, others have chosen the trust or hybrid model. This, experts say, will be the world's largest health scheme and holds per day.

replace the Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana that has been used for many years. Even private In his last Independence Day hospitals have been allowed to empanel with the government

Apart from policy issues, report card of his government's the PM will set the tone for the flagship initiatives as well as 2019 elections and could touch policy measures and sound the upon issues such as internal security, terrorism, agriculture, On August 15, Modi may key social legislative steps like the Triple Talaq Bill and the SC/ST Bill, as well as the con-Dadri in Uttar Pradesh and tentious National Register of Citizens (NRC) of India.

Achievements that will be highlighted include affordable The ₹814-billion-project of housing, Swachh Bharat, the Saubhagya electricity scheme, cover 3,360 km. Of this, around Namami Gange, Ujjwala 1,500 km falls in the western scheme for cooking gas, steps region, starting from Dadri to taken to curb black money and increase tax base, and other Ministries and departments programmes,

On agriculture, he is the Prime Minister's Office expected to speak at length about the recent government decision to hike MSP of Delhi. The Prime Minister is kharif crops by 1.5 times their

Aiready, the PM has rural sector, economy, trade addressed several farmer raland exports, education and lies in the past few months, health under the government's wherein he extensively talked about the issue at from the ramparts of Red Fort as well. He is also expectmode of schemes rather than ed to spell down the Centre's decision to frame a new of specific forward-looking scheme to ensure procurement of crops other than wheat and rice in MSP.

Last year, the Union government announced a new from that, the PM will speak of scheme called Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojna (Saubhagya) to speed up electrification of 35 million urban and rural households.

The Centre announced last Sunday that it has achieved 100 per cent electrification of 10 million households and the balance target would be met by December 2018 - four months ahead of the stipulated deadline. It would entail electrifying 1,50,000 house-