

Constructive criticism strengthens democracy, says Modi on 3 years

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Welcoming the diverse assessments of three years of his government, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday underlined the significance of constructive criticism in strengthening democracy and assured the people that mistakes and shortcomings would be rectified.

Modi was delivering his first *Mann Ki Baat* after completing three years in office on Friday.

"Audit and assessment of the performance of the present government in the last three years is happening all over in newspapers, social media or TV for the last 15 days. There have been many surveys and several opinion polls. I see this entire process as a very healthy sign," Modi said.

"Constructive criticism strengthens democracy, for an aware nation, an awakened nation, this churning is very important," he said. He said the work done by his government was tested on every

touchstone and analysed by every segment of society. "This is a great process in democracy. I firmly believe that governments must be accountable in democracy and the public at large must be provided with report card of works done.

"The mistakes and the shortcomings once highlighted can be rectified. Whether something is good, little less effective, or bad, whatever it is, one has to learn from it and move ahead in life, putting the learning from it into practice," he said.