

# Three years of Narendra Modi government: Sushma Swaraj lists achievements, says 80,000 stranded NRIs brought back to India

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Addressing a press conference on 3 years of Narendra Modi government, External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj on Monday said that 80,000 Indians, stranded in foreign countries, have been rescued in last three years. Swaraj said that she would like to

thank Prime Minister Narendra Modi, and her deputies, MJ Akbar and General VK Singh, for the her ministry's achievement. "I bifurcated work after deep introspection, I assigned field work to General (VK Singh) and dialogues to Journalist (MJ Akbar)," Swaraj said.

Swaraj, further lauding Narendra Modi government, said that a 37.5 per cent increase in FDI has been registered since NDA government took over three years ago.

Speaking on the issue of Indo-US relationship, Swaraj said that relations between the countries are progressing under Donald Trump as it did during Barack Obama's presidency. She further rejected Trump's allegations that India will receive benefits by signing Paris agreement. "India did not sign the Paris Agreement under duress or for monetary benefits," Sushma Swaraj said.

Further speaking on the Kashmir issue, Swaraj said there was no flip-flop on part of the government in handling Pakistan. "Pakistan cannot take Kashmir issue to International Court of Justice. Kashmir issue can only be resolved bilaterally," she said. She was replying to a question on reported remarks of Pakistani law officer that Islamabad will take the Kashmir issue to ICJ. "We want to resolve all issues with Pakistan bilaterally but talks and terror cannot go together," the minister said.

She further said that India will not be impacted by some Gulf countries cutting off diplomatic ties with Qatar. "There is no challenge arising out of this for us. This is an internal matter of GCC (Gulf Coordination Council). Our only concern is about Indians there. We are trying to find out if any Indians are stuck there," she told reporters