

PM: GST can be a case study

ALMOST a month after the GST rollout, Prime Minister Narendra Modi Sunday said it has transformed the economy and marks an example of cooperative federalism as states have been partners in all the decisions related to the new indirect tax regime.

He said, "The smooth transition of such a huge measure in a vast country involving crores of people was historic and can be a case study for universities around the world."

The prime minister said the priority of the government, while ushering in the GST (Goods and Services Tax), has been that there should be no burden on the plate of the poor man.

In his monthly radio programme *Mann ki Baat*, Modi also spoke about various other issues like the flood situation in various parts of the country and mentioned about the freedom movement in view of the upcoming Independence Day.

"Just like five years between 1942 and 1947 became the decisive period, I can see another five-year period from 2017 to 2022 to make a resolve to end the problems of our nation," he said.

He identified these problems as communalism, casteism, corruption, terrorism, poverty and dirt and asked people to

FLOOD

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work for their removal in the same spirit of Quit India.

"The situation in flood-affected states, including Assam, Gujarat, Rajasthan and West Bengal, is being fully monitored and several agencies like Army, IAF, National Disaster Response Force and paramilitary forces, and they are engaged in rescue and relief operations.

"Wherever possible, Union ministers are visiting the affected states.

In this situation, everybody is going all out to help the affected people."

To deal with the flood situation, a 24x7 control room is working with the helpline number 1078. Noting that

floods affect everything, he particularly talked about the farmers, saying they lose their crops in the deluge.

In this context, he said crop insurance companies have been asked to be proactive so that claim settlement can be done at the earliest.

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