

PM FOR SPL INITIATIVE TO END POVERTY, ILLITERACY, GRAFT

# From 2017-2022, we need spirit of 1942-1947: Modi

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**NEW DELHI:** Terming corruption, poverty and illiteracy as the greatest challenges, Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday called for special initiatives to end all such ills in the next five years with the pledge of 'Kareng Aur Kar Ke Rahenge' (We will do and surely do).

Addressing the Lok Sabha on the 75th anniversary of the Quit India movement, the Prime Minister said from 2017 to 2022 when India turns 75, there is a need to create the same spirit that existed between 1942 and 1947.

He said the menace of corruption has adversely impacted the development journey of the country and had eaten into the polity from the inside.

Corruption, poverty, illiteracy and malnutrition are the greatest challenges that India now needs to overcome and a common resolve is needed for this, he said, adding "We need to bring a positive change in this regard."

"In 1942, the clarion call was 'Kareng Ya Mareng' (Do or Die) - today it is 'Kareng Aur Kar Ke Rahenge.' The next five years should also be about 'Sankalp Se Siddhi', a resolve which will lead us to accomplishment," Modi said.



He said in the next five years till 2022, India must try to bring positive changes so that it can become an inspiration for many other nations.

India's freedom from colonial rule was not only about India, but a defining moment in ending colonialism in other parts of the world too, the Prime Minister said.

He said from 1857 to 1942, the move towards freedom was incremental, but the years from 1942 to 1947, were transformative and delivered on the objective.

"In 1942, conditions internationally became favourable for India to get independence. Today again, the global conditions are favourable for India," he said.

He urged the MPs to rise above differences and join in a common

effort to create an India of the dreams of the freedom fighters in the next five years, from 2017 to 2022.

"The Quit India movement marked the rise of a new leadership. They supported Mahatma Gandhi during the movement," he said.

Modi said the recollection of movements such as the Quit India was a source of inspiration and the current generation has a responsibility of passing on the legacy of such movements to the future generations.

"We remember the Quit India movement. Remembering such movements gives us strength as a nation," he said.

He said during the Quit India movement, all parts of the country,

all communities, farmers, labourers, teachers and others came together with the thought of "now or never".

Modi said Gandhi had said that he would not be satisfied unless the country gets full freedom but never left the path of non-violence.

He also referred to the enactment of the GST Act saying the way the political parties and state governments had extended support to the legislation, a similar approach would be taken by all concerned to resolve the problems of the country.

The Prime Minister concluded with the resolve to overcome corruption, giving the poor their rights, giving the youth self-employment, ending malnutrition, the barriers towards women empowerment and illiteracy.

## HIGHLIGHTS

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- » "In 1942, the clarion call was 'Kareng Ya Mareng' (Do or Die) - today it is 'Kareng Aur Kar Ke Rahenge'"
- » MPs should rise above differences and join in a common effort to create an India of the dreams of the freedom fighters