

'Vote Modi to power again to eliminate terrorism'

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Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Saturday appealed to the people to elect Prime Minister Narendra Modi for a third term to stamp out terrorism, Naxalism and poverty from the country and make India the third largest global economy.

Addressing an election meeting in the Porbandar constituency of Gujarat from where Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya is the BJP nominee, He said the Modi government had taken several major decisions during the last ten years, including the scrapping of Article 370 and the construction of a Ram temple at Ayodhya.



Sabha polls clearly suggest that the people have decided to bring Mr Modi back to power again, Mr Shah added. "I would appeal to you to vote for lotus (BJP's poll symbol) and make Modi the Prime Minister for a

third term. Making him PM for the third term means freedom from terrorism and Naxalism, freedom from poverty, making arrangements to give a platform to the youth so they could go hand in hand with the world and create a great India," the home minister added.

He noted that in the ten years of the Congress-led UPA government's rule, the country's economy was in the 11th position. It has been brought to the fifth position during the term of the Modi government. "PM Modi brought India's economy to the fifth position in the world in just ten years. And I give you a guarantee, make him the Prime Minister for the third term and India will become the third largest economy," he said.

BJP wants to weaken democracy and people of the nation: Priyanka Gandhi

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Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra on Saturday said that the Bharatiya Janata Party wants to weaken the democracy in the country and has pressurised every institution in the last 10 years to not comment against it.

Addressing an election rally in Valsad, Priyanka Gandhi Vadra said, "They (BJP) want to weaken the democracy and people of the nation. Institutions that protect your rights be it media have been weakened. Media used to ask us every day but nothing of that sort is happening today."

Referring to remarks of BJP leader Anant Kumar Hegde on "rewriting constitution", Priyanka Gandhi said that it is a "dangerous" trend.

"You must have seen, the BJP leaders have said that they want to change the Constitution and PM Modi con-



trudicts that statement. This is a dangerous trend. This constitution has given you all the rights, then what's the need to change it?" she asked.

She further went on to slam the BJP for "targeting" opposition leaders.

"PM Modi is weakening the democracy. He is attacking the opposition daily. He froze Congress' bank accounts. Two Chief Ministers are in jail, my brother (Rahul Gandhi) was also almost kicked out of Parlia-

ment. 150 members were suspended in the Winter session recently, only Modiji is honest," she said.

Gujarat will vote on all 25 seats out of 26 in a single phase, which is slated for the third phase on May 7, 2024. BJP candidate Mukesh Dalal was elected unopposed in Surat after nomination papers of the Congress party's candidate Nilesh Kumbhani were rejected after his three proposers claimed in an affidavit to the district election officer that they had not signed his nomination form.

The third phase will include constituencies from Kutch, Banaskantha, Patan, Mehsana, Sabarkantha, Gandhinagar, Ahmedabad East, Ahmedabad West, Surendranagar, Rajkot, Porbandar, Jamnagar, Junagadh, Amreli, Bhavnagar, Anand, Kheda, Panchmahal, Dahod, Vadodara, Chhota Udaipur, Bharuch, Bardoli, Navsari, and Valsad.

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