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**Chief Editor's Voice****A DECADE OF DEVELOPEMENT**

It is said that every journey starts with a small step. But Prime Minister Modi put that step with strong will, self confidence, using sharp intelligence and consciously. The result was a decade of development, with strengthening democracy, increasing demand using the demographic advantage and bio diversity. The underlying theme was Atmanirbhar Bharat, making India self reliant and self sufficient, improving its 'swabhimaan' and self respect. Prime Minister focused on new ideas, novel initiatives, innovation, investment (domestic and foreign) and infrastructure. He left no sector untouched, from ancient agriculture to most modern Artificial Intelligence. He aimed at transforming India, empowering every citizen and cleansing every activity with good governance, free of corruption.

The programmes continued relentlessly. Mudra bank, Adhaar, the social security programmes for women and child welfare, the policies for socially weaker sections of the society have attracted and benefitted lower level of our society. Demonetization, digitalization and implementation of GST etc have made a remarkable progress in journey of country towards greater economic heights. Whether it is swatch Bharat Abhiyan or Make in India, Digital India, Fit India or Ayushman Bharat, the intention is to make India a prosperous country in all aspects.

All the programmes from Adhaar to Atmanirbhar Bharat were aimed at in making our country self reliant and sustainable. All the seven years of

governance of Narendra Modi was a journey towards self reliance and sustainable development. All his foreign visits and attendance in various summits were all supportive to the sustainable development of our country. But the unexpected and unprecedented outbreak of COVID 19 has put a sudden break on our journey of progress. The world has virtually stirred in whirlpool. The impact it has made on world economy is immeasurable. This tiny virus has caused heavy damage to the economy and annihilated many millions of people world over. It has devastated the world economy to its worst extreme. The epidemic of this dimension and disruption was quite unheard of to the old generation. It impacted the world economically, environmentally, emotionally and lastly employment-wise.

However, the mind set developed by the people in the helm of the government and measures they had taken have become unique and universally applicable. The social and economic packages conceived and implemented by the government during the crisis were well appreciated by the world over. It ensured the safety of the people and their sustainable livelihood. It paved the way for developing appropriate vaccine and administering them to the affected people. During the period of crisis the government was able to transform disability and disruption into development. The timely action of the government was instrumental in improving the production,

distribution and export of commodities. It was just like the proverbial saying 'a stitch in time saves nine'. It really saved the humanity.

The crisis management of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his team was closely watched by the world leaders. It reminded of the conflict management and the crisis management of Krishna during the critical time, the Battle of Mahabharata. His ability and attitude was well appreciated. There was close interaction with world leaders by Modi on economic, environmental and security matters with world leaders of premier countries like U.S, Russia, China, Japan, North Korea and so on. Our Prime Minister's mindset and mental power becomes a model and a confidence booster for all these world leaders in overcoming a universal crisis.

The ten years of Narendra Modi governance is seen with awe and admiration by the world leaders. It has become a multidimensional model for sustainable development. At times they are quite astonished by the 'Magic of Modi' in difficult times in developmental matters. Yet another time they all appreciated the social and economic measures adopted by this world leader to overcome the problems of pandemic. In this present book the author tries to bring forth the reformatory policies and programmes adopted by the Modi government in pre- pandemic and post-pandemic period. The author tries to open up a window to the world of Narendra Modi model of development, especially in a period of pandemic.

Right from Adhaar to Atmanirbhar Bharat Prime Minister Narendra Modi is trying to keep our country a model in respect of development among other nations. Both in his first term and in the second one, the

visionary Prime Minister, was performing according to the wishes of the common man as well as who wish to have greater development in this country. In his first experiment as Prime Minister he could construct a solid base for sustainable development of the country. It has paved the way for creating an environment to become a country worth five trillion dollar. It was a pathway to progress and prosperity, a real Vikasit Bharat. Sustainable development is our ultimate goal. We need to take greater effort to achieve this avowed goal. The nation has given all support through their vote in large volume to Narendra Modi to lead this country to greater heights.

The ten years of Modi government could strengthen the financial base of the country that was shattered severely over a long period of time. The measures taken by the Modi government were able to contain the fiscal deficits and the escalating inflation. But global economic crisis posed greater challenges to the future development. This voyage we have to continue till we reach our goal of "lokasamgraham" welfare and wellbeing of the people, "vasudhaivakudumbakam", of the entire world, at the end of the "Amritakaal", the centenary of our Independence, in 2047. All the developmental activities and reformatory measure were directed towards making India a Vikasit Bharat. The main focus of the Vikasit Bharat odyssey, as rightly put it by G.S.Bajpai, Vice Chancellor of Law University, Delhi, is to make India a developed nation by 2047, hundredth years of its Independence. The goal looks achievable given the pace with the country is moving ahead.