

Down But Not Out



Others Favourites



Prime Minister Narendra Modi's popularity is going down with each passing day, they say. "Modi as PM has not been able to fulfill the aspirations of people and, thus, he should go". But then **Who is the PM material in the country?**

***whispersinthecorridors.com* asked its surfers - Is there a substitute for PM Narendra Modi in BJP or any other political party? If so, who? – and the majority said that the country is, at present, short of having a person of the stature of Modi.**

In the opinion of many, "After a long gap, we have a dynamic and performing Prime Minister for our country. When we have given other parties over six decades to perform, can't we give him even 120 years. Actually, before he took as PM, our country's image was too low and now it is flying high across world just because he is a very hardworking person and has got in depth knowledge in every area".

"I do not say, each decision taken by the PM is 100% correct but I can say that every decision taken is in the interest of our country and development of our economy. Certain section of people and parties, keep on criticizing him, pin pointing his failure to fulfill the commitment he made before Lok Sabha election. But all the promises can't be fulfilled over night. However, I could not see anyone or any party who can match the class of roaring PM Modi", said a surfer V. Shankar

"As long as there is no credible opposition leader, there is no alternative for Modi. Please name just one leader who connects with the mass and at the same time rubs the shoulders with super power leaders? If you answer this question, that will be the answer for your question", adds RP Pande.

Similarly Neeraj Hastings also thinks, "Modi is still the most popular politician in the country and at the moment it seems unlikely that there is any alternate. Nearly nine out of 10 Indians hold a favourable opinion of Modi and are satisfied with the direction in which he was taking the country".

There does not seem to be any other competent person who can match his caliber as on date.

Harish

Narendra Modi is much better than previous Prime Ministers. He should lead the country in second term also.

Rajesh

There is no alternative of Narendra Modi. He is still having support of the public.

Raghu Thakur

As a leader of his stature –no leader like Narendra Modi in any political party.

S K Raut (Ex-DGP MP)

No one can replace Modi as PM of India. He was born to lead India to a glorious future as he has led Gujarat.

Vijay Kumar

Prime Minister Narendra Modi is true example of hard work and determination. No other leader matches him.

Abhinav

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Pankaj Sanghvi

There was a time when Indira was India and India was Indira. Now, Modi is BJP and BJP is Modi. In 2019, the Time will spring surprises.

Raj Kumar Thakur

Modi's popularity is going down with each passing day, true. But who else is there who can be a successful PM of a country as vast as India.

R D Tiwari

No alternative of Modi. He will scrap through 2019 Lok Sabha elections largely because of poor Congress leadership.

Dr V K Bahuguna

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Raghu Thakur

None other than Narendra Modi.

R K Reddy

I don't think anyone else, from among the present lot of leaders, deserves to be PM.

Anas Ansari

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Sudhir

No replacement of Modi.

Faiz Khan

This is a silly question. In democracy, prevailing circumstances create proper leader.

Jaipuria

Some one will emerge as PM after the polls as it happened in the case of V P Singh, Chandra Shekhar, Charan Singh, I K Gujral or Lal Bahadur Shastri.

Vijay Tiwari

On all counts, only Raj Nath Singh is the alternative of Narendra Modi.

D K Verma

In BJP, only Modi. Congress should announce. PM will be one whose party gets majority in the Lok Sabha.

D K Rai



Following are some other popular but divergent views of the surfers :

Nehru was the PM from 1947 to 1964. Indira Gandhi ruled for more than 14 years with short brakes. Today's many problems are their legacies. What Modi is doing is to rectify and bring in new concepts adaptable to present day requirements. There is no other leader who can match him as on date.

SP Shukla

Normally we look for an alternative when the going is not good or unbearable. I really do not know why you (WIC) have to think of an alternative when it is only four years since Modi took over. He is doing his best. The economy and employment opportunities have never been this good. Two areas where he should now concentrate are Kashmir and cross border terrorism.

Razi Hassan

As of today one does not find anyone who can substitute Modi as Prime Minister. But one cannot say that it cannot happen that some dark horse may emerge to compete with him. The RSS may in 2019 back such a dark horse though it is highly unlikely. One also shudders to think if out of any of the floating leaders viz. Rahul Gandhi, Mayawati, Akhilesh Yadav and a few other characters becomes the Prime Minister of the country. It is a travesty of Indian Democracy that we cannot find any leader around who can be a match for Modi.

Aarti Khosla

BJP should change leadership in 2019 elections : The BJP under the leadership

of Narendra Modi came to power while harping on developments and jobs to the unemployed youths. After donning the mantle, the BJP-led Government started retreating from its pledges made to the voters. Under the regime of Modi, intolerance has grown up considerably with citizens facing communal and caste based violence in the country. The retrograde steps taken by Modi are impinging on the life of common man. The BJP should change its leadership in 2019 Lok Sabha elections in order to stabilize economy and install peace in every fabric of the society.

Anup Kumar

Opposition lacks charismatic leader to take on Modi. Even if there is an anti-incumbency wave against incumbent Narendra Modi, he may retain the power in 2019 as opposition lacks leadership. Congress party is promoting Rahul Gandhi to take on NaMo in Lok Sabha elections but the former is derided as political virgin. RaGa, a successful politician manqué, splits between certain and uncertain political future. Political scenario suggests that BJP can get walkover in coming General Elections.

Sunil Kumar

I feel four years of Modi rule has gone down the drain without any visible results. Unluckily even if he wishes to do something, nothing moves as our system fails and we as part of the system, fail the

system too. The present political scenario is so perplex that there is no leader visible to lead the nation that includes Modi too. None of the political parties have a road map or vision for India. My conclusion is, we will see Modi as PM in 2019 with a fractured mandate.

Harish Kumar

Though PM Modi did not deliver much to peoples expectation, still there is no true substitute of him. Of course, there are competent persons like Nitin Gadkari and Suresh Prabhu in BJP as also Nitish Kr. and Mamata Banerji outside the BJP. In the present situation of country top leader should be honest, competent and able to take quick/right decisions. Also, it is expected from top leader that irrespective of party in power economic policies should be allowed to continue. Unnecessary too much questioning and investigations lead to the fact that nobody likes to take a decision and country's development is hampered.

Prosun Banerji

Who said 2019 General Election is a fight between Modi and Rahul Gandhi. Just wait to see realignment of political forces opposed to both BJP and Cong.

Krishnadas

Opposition must be united to replace Modi or one should not think that any one else is there to replace him in 2019.

Gaurav Jain

Common man of India has tremendous common sense. He will select proper person at a right time for the PM. Who defeated Indira Gandhi ? Common man.

Dr Manoj Mathur





The political scene in India is hotting-up as only about a year's time is left for the next general election. It is somewhat difficult to digest for political observers that almost 47 months have peacefully passed without even a single scam in India since Narendra Modi became Prime Minister in May 2014. It looks like a walk over to prime minister Modi. That perception has made the opposition jittery. They are trying to do whatever they can to "check/deter/stop/defeat" Modi in his mission 2019. They are best defined as "crowd" in the glossary of Urbanisation. Like the crowd, they too have no "leader" at present. They are humouring themselves with the woolly idea of "collective leadership" or "co-operative leadership" which envisages rotating prime ministership going from party to party at pre-determined intervals. Unfortunately for them, the Indian voters think differently. The efforts so far made have not gone beyond a loose alliance of parties opposed to Prime Minister Modi. Though not yet successful, they are trying to form a grand alliance of all like-minded parties opposed to Modi. The problem is that there is no glue available at present. Earlier the Congress Party used to provide that glue treated chemically by the communist parties and regional leaders like Lalu Yadav. But Lalu is undergoing imprisonment. The Congress President is a young man with no significant experience in political affairs. Besides, his leadership of the alliance is not acceptable to many others. Mamata Banerji, West Bengal Chief Minister and TMC (Trinamool

Congress) has been pursuing the proposal most fervently, but nobody takes her seriously outside West Bengal. Sharad Pawar of the NCP has long cherished the ambition to occupy the chair of the prime minister of India without success. Mayawati of the BSP will watch from the side lines the developments before playing her cards. Akhilesh Yadav of the SP (Samajwadi Party) is likely to come out openly but has no influence for the moment as the strength of his party in the Lok Sabha and state Assembly has gone down abysmally. The Orissa Chief Minister is unlikely to get involved in the alliance politics except to the extent necessary in the interest of his party and state. The D M K and AIDMK can play limited roles in critical situations in a confidence motion. The Chief Minister of Telangana has extended support to Mamata's efforts, but whether he will accept her as his leader is doubtful. Only an ingenuous person would accept such an alternative.

M L Gupta

There is no substitute of Narendra Modi till the time he decides to be in politics and to my guess is that he will surprise the country by leaving by his own before he actually needs to retire which no other politician dare to do till now. Now the Question is who is next. I think Indian politics is heading towards institutionalization, so when ideology rules then anyone can head but the process itself will create new leaders but it will be from right wing only for sure. As of now no names.

Bhupendra

Apparently no alternative of Modi but nobody in the world is indispensable. In the present scheme of things Modi is the best option. Integrity of the PM is an attribute which has no match.

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Former DG Police*

Chandrababu Naidu—the PM candidate Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu could be an ideal candidate for the post of Prime Minister as he has the vision and also the ability to ensure implementation of projects. He is also the person who could build true smart cities in India.

Amit Jain



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