

PRIME MINISTER IN JALGAON | Says his government has done more for women in the last 10 years than was done by all previous regimes since Independence

Modi makes a pitch to women with one eye on assembly polls

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday said his government had done more for women in the last 10 years than was done by all the previous regimes since Independence.

Till 2014, less than Rs25,000 crore loans were given to women self-help groups but in the last 10 years, Rs9 lakh crore help was given, Modi said at the 'Lakhpati Didi Sammelan' in Jalgaon.

Modi, who interacted with Lakhpati Didis at Jalgaon, released the Rs2,500 crore revolving fund benefiting 48 lakh members of 4.3 lakh self-help groups.

The Lakhpati Didi scheme is not only about boosting the income of women, but also about empowering future generations, the prime minister said.

"You must have heard that



Prime Minister Narendra Modi during an interaction with 'Lakhpati Didis', in Jalgaon.

India is going to become the third-largest economy in the world. Women play a huge role in it. However, it wasn't the case a couple of years ago," Modi said.

"Women guarantee the prosperity of every home and every family. However, there was no one to guarantee help for the women," he said.

Women didn't have prop-

erty in their name, and if they had to take a loan from a bank, they could not avail it, he said. In such a situation, they were not able to build their own small business, he

added.

"Therefore, I, your son and brother, resolved to ease your lives. We took decisions in the interest of women year after year," Modi said.

"When I visited you during the Lok Sabha elections, I promised we would make three crore sisters Lakhpati Didi. This means women who work in self-help groups, and their annual income is more than Rs1lakh," he said.

In the last 10 years, one crore Lakhpati Didis were made, and in just two months 11 lakh more Lakhpati Didi were added to one crore, he said.

Modi also said Maharashtra needs the BJP-led Mahayuti government to continue for years to come to ensure the state's stability and prosperity. "Maharashtra is the shining star of a developed India. The future of the state lies in more investment and job growth," he said.

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday termed crimes against women an unpardonable sin, adding the guilty should not be spared.

Modi's strong remarks follow protests against the brutal rape and murder of a 31-year-old trainee doctor at Kolkata's

RG Kar Hospital and the sexual abuse of two four-year-old school girls in Badlapur near Mumbai. Speaking at the 'Lakshpati Didi Sammelan' in Jalgaon, Modi said the safety of women should be a priority.

"The safety of mothers, sisters, and daughters is the country's priority. I have repeatedly raised this issue at the Red Fort. Be it any state of

the country, I understand the pain and anger of my sisters and daughters," he said.

Modi said that he would tell every political party and state government that crime against women is an unpardonable sin. Whoever is guilty should not be spared, he added.

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